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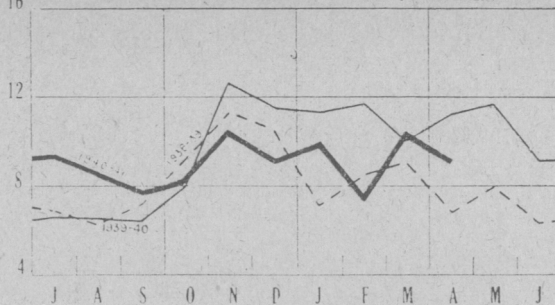
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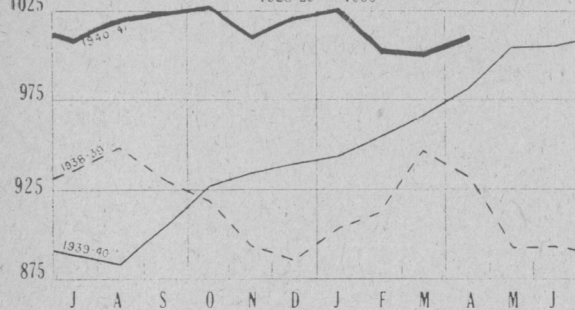
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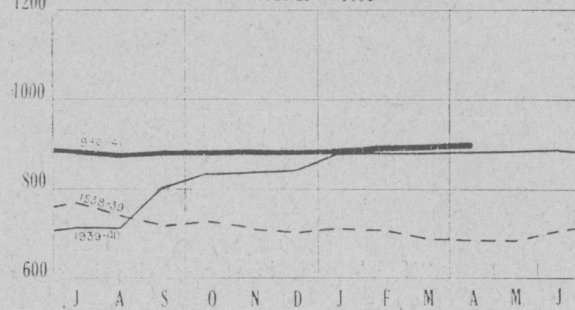
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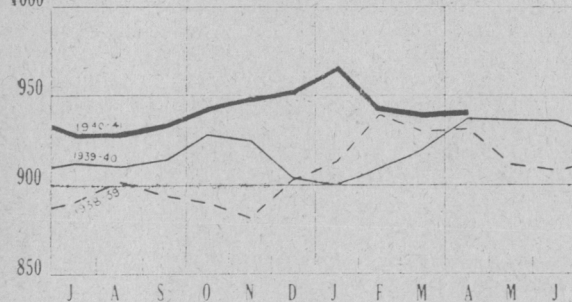
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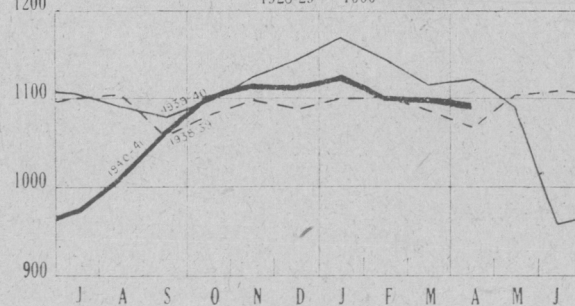
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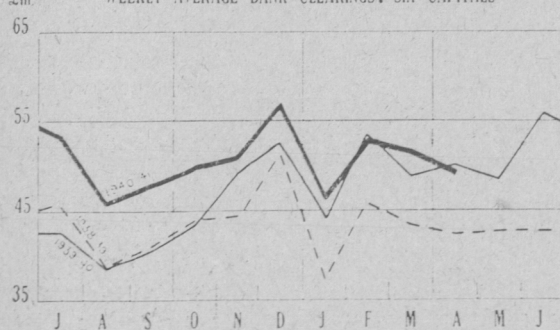
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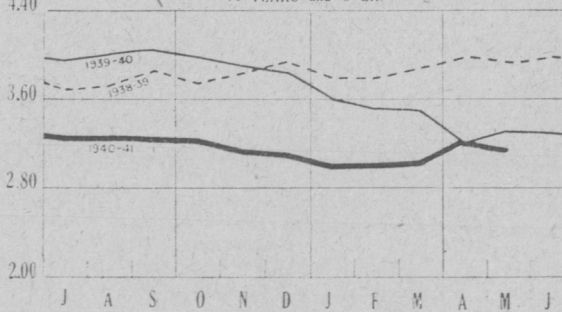
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3.60  
2.80  
2.00  
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## INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

The following table summarizes the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Employment—Australia.			Building Permits(d) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs (Monthly Averages).	Wholesale Trade—Australia : Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts (Monthly Averages).	Bank Clearings : Six Capitals (Weekly Averages).	Mainland State Railways—Passenger-Journeys : Number (Daily Averages).	Imports of Merchandise and Silver.	Exports of Merchandise and Silver.
	Total Number of Persons in Employment. (a) (b)	Factories : Number of Persons Employed. (c)	Retail Stores : Index No. (Base : July, 1933 = 100).						
	No. '000.	No. '000.		£'000.	£ millions. (e)	£ millions.	'000.	£A millions.	£A millions.
1928-29 ..	..	432	..	2,621	..	45.1	1,013	143.3	138.6
1932-33 ..	..	353	..	565	29.1	30.1	858	71.2	98.7
1933-34 ..	..	387	103.7	913	29.8	33.3	891	74.5	114.4
1934-35 ..	..	430	111.6	1,436	31.7	34.8	969	90.7	103.7
1935-36 ..	..	473	119.4	1,815	34.6	38.2	999	104.7	124.4
1936-37 ..	(f)1,982	503	124.7	1,986	37.2	42.0	1,028	113.5	148.5
1937-38 ..	(f)2,085	538	128.3	2,307	40.6	44.0	1,048	140.0	141.7
1938-39 ..	(f)2,126	544	130.0	2,353	39.8	43.1	1,048	124.5	122.5
1939-40 ..	(f)2,167	566	130.9	2,206	42.6	48.0	1,029	144.9	149.7
1938-39—									
March ..	..	552	127.2	2,564	42.3	43.4	1,012	10.5	11.3
April ..	..	546	127.4	2,031	35.2	42.2	1,030	10.9	8.6
May ..	..	546	128.7	2,502	41.6	42.6	1,051	8.5	10.1
1939-40—									
July ..	2,120	542	129.4	2,835	36.6	42.4	1,048	11.1	8.4
August ..	2,125	546	126.8	2,662	40.9	38.5	967	11.5	8.2
September ..	2,135	551	126.6	1,807	48.5	40.6	1,033	8.6	8.2
October ..	2,164	564	128.1	2,619	44.8	43.3	1,052	9.2	10.3
November ..	2,184	571	131.6	1,931	46.5	49.4	1,006	9.2	16.6
December ..	2,216	573	147.8	1,489	44.1	52.6	1,021	9.6	15.1
January ..	2,175	565	130.9	1,667	38.8	44.0	1,040	14.4	14.5
February ..	2,183	573	130.0	2,111	41.3	53.5	1,051	17.4	14.9
March ..	2,193	581	128.6	2,185	44.3	49.0	1,040	12.1	12.7
April ..	2,178	579	129.5	2,294	45.6	50.1	1,047	15.3	14.0
May ..	2,157	572	130.4	2,839	42.9	48.7	977	13.6	14.9
June ..	2,171	577	131.1	2,030	36.5	55.8	1,076	12.9	11.7
1940-41—									
July ..	2,172	583	129.6	2,436	40.2	53.3	1,079	15.8	11.6
August ..	2,183	591	128.3	2,175	41.7	45.6	1,029	11.0	10.7
September ..	2,207	603	128.4	2,087	44.0	47.9	1,132	11.2	9.6
October ..	2,221	610	128.9	2,088	46.0	49.8	1,079	12.0	10.6
November ..	2,238	617	133.0	2,733	46.9	50.9	1,090	11.3	13.0
December ..	2,283	630	151.3	2,870	42.0	56.9	1,127	10.9	11.5
January ..	2,241	618	130.0	1,840	39.0	46.5	1,078	11.9	12.4
February ..	2,253	631	131.6	2,147	43.9	52.9	1,166	7.8	9.4
March ..	2,268	645	130.3	2,128	44.5	51.5	1,197	9.8	13.0
April ..	2,263	645	130.8	2,083	47.4	49.4	(g)	11.1	11.5
May ..	2,278	657	131.9	2,652	(g)	60.6	(g)	12.9	11.5

(a) Estimated number of wage or salary earners in employment (including part-time relief workers in actual employment or number equivalent thereto but excluding members of defence forces who are not on civil pay-rolls). (b) Subject to revision. (c) Excluding working proprietors. (d) All building operations excluding Government buildings. See footnote on p. 23. (e) Final totals to February, 1940. Monthly totals since March, 1940, are partly estimated and subject to slight revision. See p. 30. (f) Average for year. (g) Not yet available.

## NEW SOUTH WALES : EMPLOYMENT.

The following table, compiled by the Government Statistician of New South Wales, shows the approximate number of persons employed in the middle week of the months specified. It replaces that published in the Review prior to May, 1941.

Period.	Total Employed in—						Number Employed by Employers with 10 or more Employees in—	
	All Employment. (a)	Private Employment.	Factories.	Retail Shops (including Restaurants).	Wholesale Trade.	Mining.	Transport (excluding Railways and Tramways).	Offices and Commerce.
1933—30th June ..	594,273	477,577	133,300	61,000	20,000	17,160	14,237	21,334
Average—								
1933-34 ..	620,296	503,134	147,800	64,330	20,700	17,930	15,442	21,943
1934-35 ..	675,108	551,511	168,400	69,330	22,300	18,470	17,478	23,086
1935-36 ..	728,266	599,831	186,500	73,700	24,500	19,790	18,243	24,865
1936-37 ..	774,999	637,723	201,400	77,450	26,375	20,447	19,424	25,443
1937-38 ..	828,750	679,369	217,300	81,200	27,438	22,347	20,841	26,150
1938-39 ..	837,133	686,569	221,100	82,450	28,159	23,305	20,847	27,186
1939-40 ..	850,663	698,255	229,400	82,782	28,388	23,500	21,354	28,518
1938-39—								
March ..	834,129	683,091	223,600	80,779	28,250	23,756	21,035	27,610
April ..	837,652	685,649	221,900	80,848	28,417	23,902	22,210	27,218
May ..	836,182	683,203	221,900	81,777	28,271	23,509	21,664	27,323
1939-40—								
July ..	833,331	681,153	220,300	83,070	27,892	23,512	20,695	26,872
August ..	831,806	680,300	221,100	80,570	27,962	24,033	20,695	27,060
September (b) ..	838,435	687,076	223,100	80,570	28,093	23,787	21,738	27,653
October ..	850,049	700,389	229,100	81,200	28,519	23,730	21,624	28,349
November ..	856,861	706,469	232,800	83,070	28,820	23,351	21,154	29,088
December ..	875,466	723,704	234,600	92,440	29,115	23,825	20,913	29,438
January ..	851,355	699,981	230,900	82,450	28,175	23,150	20,929	29,158
February ..	859,409	706,638	233,100	84,350	28,241	23,437	21,308	29,553
March ..	(c)865,691	(c)712,285	236,400	81,950	28,559	(c)23,437	22,243	29,276
April ..	(c)852,131	(c)698,374	231,900	80,918	28,520	(c)23,109	21,400	29,030
May ..	(c)837,120	(c)682,538	226,100	81,537	28,305	(c)22,852	21,188	28,028
June ..	856,296	700,155	233,200	81,259	28,458	23,771	22,358	28,714
1940-41—			(d)					
July ..	863,962	708,294	236,700	82,030	28,480	23,873	21,572	28,100
August ..	870,326	714,688	240,700	81,426	28,516	23,766	21,430	29,100
September ..	874,076	719,777	243,000	80,881	28,460	23,903	21,857	29,246
October ..	879,881	724,971	246,300	81,224	28,413	24,016	21,265	30,051
November ..	883,378	728,178	249,100	83,741	28,630	23,999	19,591	30,452
December ..	905,041	749,122	254,700	95,008	28,959	24,111	22,023	29,680
January ..	883,911	727,512	250,800	81,838	28,214	23,303	21,970	29,588
February ..	893,645	735,696	255,200	84,237	28,603	23,689	21,037	29,798
March ..	902,735	742,036	262,200	82,658	29,020	23,800	20,654	29,523
April ..	902,116	740,704	261,600	83,067	29,227	23,631	20,716	28,910
May (b) ..	906,567	743,586	264,600	83,678	29,356	23,750	22,611	29,177

(a) Excluding Rationed Relief Workers. (b) For September, 1939, and subsequent months the figures exclude men in the Forces who were not on pay-sheets of private employers. (c) Includes mine employees idle owing to an industrial dispute. (d) For July, 1940, and subsequent months the figures are approximate and subject to revision.



## QUEENSLAND : EMPLOYMENT.

The following table, compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry from census results, unemployed insurance contributions, workers' compensation records, and shop and factory returns, replaces that published in the Review prior to November, 1939.

Period.	Numbers in Work.			
	Employers and Workers on Own Account.	Employees.	Working for No Wages.	Total.
<i>Average—</i>				
1928-29 .. .. .	86,300	204,400	9,100	299,800
1932-33 .. .. .	93,100	184,600	9,400	287,100
1933-34 .. .. .	94,700	194,700	9,600	299,000
1934-35 .. .. .	96,800	214,500	9,700	321,000
1935-36 .. .. .	98,900	223,500	9,900	332,300
1936-37 .. .. .	100,900	234,500	10,100	345,500
1937-38 .. .. .	103,000	245,800	10,300	359,100
1938-39 .. .. .	105,100	257,700	10,500	373,300
1939-40 .. .. .	106,800	264,500	10,600	381,900
<i>Three Months Ended—</i>				
1939-40—				
July .. .. .	106,100	265,800	10,500	382,400
August .. .. .	106,200	263,500	10,600	380,300
September .. .. .	106,400	261,000	10,600	378,000
October .. .. .	106,500	260,900	10,600	378,000
November .. .. .	106,600	262,300	10,600	379,500
December .. .. .	106,600	261,300	10,600	378,500
January .. .. .	106,700	264,200	10,600	381,500
February .. .. .	106,900	267,500	10,600	385,000
March .. .. .	107,000	268,300	10,600	385,900
April .. .. .	107,100	267,800	10,600	385,500
May .. .. .	107,100	265,800	10,600	383,500
June .. .. .	107,000	267,500	10,700	385,200
1940-41—				
July .. .. .	106,800	265,100	10,700	382,600
August .. .. .	106,700	262,800	10,700	380,200
September .. .. .	106,700	262,200	10,700	379,600
October .. .. .	106,800	263,000	10,700	380,500
November .. .. .	106,900	263,700	10,800	381,400
December .. .. .	107,100	262,900	10,800	380,800
January .. .. .	107,200	265,700	10,900	383,800
February .. .. .	107,300	264,000	10,900	382,200
March .. .. .	107,400	264,900	10,900	383,200
April .. .. .	107,400	264,900	11,000	383,300
May .. .. .	107,400	266,200	11,000	384,600

NOTE.—The figures take account of enlistments, revised figures for each month since September, 1939, having been published in the December, 1940, issue. Enlisted men have been excluded from the estimates of employment, and adjustments have been made to allow for the effect on employment of home-defence training. The figures shown for the three-monthly periods have been corrected for seasonal variation.

The figures shown above are not comparable with those shown for other States as they exclude some persons who were recorded as breadwinners at the 1933 Census.

## TASMANIA: EMPLOYMENT.

The following table, compiled from the wages tax returns of private employers in respect of their employees, whether subject to or not subject to tax, and from returns of Commonwealth, State and Local Government employment, gives the best measure available of the course of *total employment* in Tasmania.

From July, 1940, total employment in Private Industry is estimated from monthly figures collected by the Deputy Statistician and not from wages tax returns.

Period.	Private Industry.			Public Authorities.			Total Employment— Public and Private.		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
1936-37 .. ..	30,858	9,522	40,380	10,798	1,763	12,561	41,656	11,285	52,941
1937-38 .. ..	34,001	10,685	44,686	10,581	1,825	12,406	44,582	12,510	57,092
1938-39 .. ..	37,849	12,184	50,033	10,488	1,879	12,367	48,337	14,063	62,400
1939-40 (a) ..	39,659	13,151	52,810	10,725	1,972	12,697	50,384	15,123	65,507
1938-39—									
March .. ..	41,728	13,616	55,344	10,637	1,903	12,540	52,365	15,519	67,884
April .. ..	39,825	12,543	52,368	10,187	1,895	12,082	50,012	14,438	64,450
May .. ..	38,863	12,191	51,054	10,111	1,911	12,022	48,974	14,102	63,076
1939-40—	(a)	(a)	(a)				(a)	(a)	(a)
July .. ..	37,236	11,626	48,862	10,100	1,948	12,048	47,336	13,574	60,910
August .. ..	37,442	11,823	49,265	10,317	1,958	12,275	47,759	13,781	61,540
September ..	37,412	11,982	49,394	10,384	1,950	12,334	47,796	13,932	61,728
October .. ..	38,210	11,872	50,082	10,665	1,948	12,613	48,875	13,820	62,695
November ..	38,966	12,334	51,300	10,672	1,963	12,635	49,638	14,297	63,935
December ..	40,082	13,341	53,423	10,960	1,955	12,915	51,042	15,296	66,338
January .. ..	41,951	13,904	55,855	10,828	1,865	12,693	52,779	15,769	68,548
February ..	41,676	13,230	54,906	11,051	1,993	13,044	52,727	15,223	67,950
March .. ..	42,088	14,918	57,006	11,097	1,999	13,096	53,185	16,917	70,102
April .. ..	40,792	14,541	55,333	11,060	2,039	13,099	51,852	16,580	68,432
May .. ..	41,048	14,359	55,407	11,035	2,019	13,054	52,083	16,378	68,461
June .. ..	39,012	13,883	52,895	10,531	2,024	12,555	49,543	15,907	65,450
1940-41—									
July .. ..	37,987	13,956	51,943	10,187	2,069	12,256	48,174	16,025	64,199
August .. ..	38,402	13,898	52,300	9,881	2,078	11,959	48,283	15,976	64,259
September ..	39,204	14,624	53,828	9,878	2,116	11,994	49,082	16,740	65,822
October .. ..	39,807	13,996	53,803	9,977	2,099	12,076	49,784	16,095	65,879
November ..	40,064	13,975	54,039	9,678	2,100	11,778	49,742	16,075	65,817
December ..	40,446	14,974	55,420	10,147	2,124	12,271	50,593	17,098	67,691
January .. ..	42,512	15,985	58,497	9,896	2,041	11,937	52,408	18,026	70,434
February ..	41,354	14,118	55,472	9,889	2,159	12,048	51,243	16,277	67,520
March .. ..	41,650	16,264	57,914	9,978	2,144	12,122	51,628	18,408	70,036
April .. ..	40,827	15,496	56,323	10,075	2,317	12,392	50,902	17,813	68,715
May .. ..	40,198	15,452	55,650	10,300	2,254	12,554	50,498	17,706	68,204

(a) Subject to revision.

### NOTES.

1. For 1938-39 and previous years the figures in the table may be regarded as a virtually complete record of total employment based on final collected figures. They are a combination of monthly figures received currently and annually, covering both private and public employment. They are deficient only to the inappreciable extent that some relief and other intermittent workers and domestic workers in private homes are not covered by the monthly returns. On the other hand, to the extent that they embrace the majority of workers subject to intermittent employment over the whole year, they reflect fully the seasonal and all other influences upon employment in Tasmania.

2. As from July, 1939, the number of employees of public authorities is completely recorded but the number of employees in private industry is estimated on the basis of returns covering about 44 per cent. of private employment. Extensive returns of other private employment have been collected for each month of 1939-40 and figures from July, 1939, are subject to revision on the basis of these.

# EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Excluding Working Proprietors.)

(Base : 1928-29 = 100.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.		
							Index.		Number of Persons Employed.
							Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.	
<i>Number of employees in—</i>									'000.
1928-29 .. ..	174,120	149,266	43,436	35,376	19,799	9,984	..	..	432
<i>Index for—</i>									
1928-29 .. ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0	100.0	..
1932-33 .. ..	76	92	82	71	70	87	81.8	78.7	353
1933-34 .. ..	85	100	88	80	77	92	89.7	85.6	387
1934-35 .. ..	97	108	94	91	85	100	99.6	94.4	430
1935-36 .. ..	107	117	99	105	100	110	109.4	102.9	473
1936-37 .. ..	115	123	106	111	108	118	116.3	108.6	503
1937-38 .. ..	124	130	114	121	111	125	124.3	115.0	538
1938-39 .. ..	127	130	119	119	112	132	125.9	115.5	544
1939-40 .. ..	131	137	122	123	110	140	131.0	119.0	566
1939-40—									
July .. ..	126	129	122	118	109	129	125.4	114.4	542
August .. ..	127	130	125	119	108	128	126.3	115.1	546
September .. ..	128	132	126	119	109	128	127.4	116.0	551
October .. ..	131	135	128	120	110	133	130.5	118.7	564
November .. ..	133	138	126	120	111	138	132.2	120.2	571
December .. ..	134	138	121	124	112	140	132.5	120.3	573
January .. ..	132	137	113	124	110	144	130.7	118.7	565
February .. ..	133	140	115	125	111	149	132.6	120.3	573
March .. ..	135	142	119	127	112	148	134.5	121.9	581
April .. ..	(a) 133	143	118	130	111	151	a134.0	(a)121.5	(a) 579
May .. ..	(a) 129	141	123	127	111	149	a132.3	(a)119.9	(a) 572
June .. ..	(a) 133	139	126	124	110	147	a133.4	(a)120.9	(a) 577
1940-41—	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
July .. ..	135	141	130	123	109	146	134.8	122.1	583
August .. ..	137	142	133	125	109	146	136.6	123.7	591
September .. ..	139	147	134	130	111	146	139.6	126.3	603
October .. ..	140	149	132	133	111	145	141.1	127.7	610
November .. ..	142	152	131	137	113	145	142.9	129.4	617
December .. ..	145	155	126	144	114	151	145.7	132.0	630
January .. ..	143	152	117	147	113	158	143.1	129.6	618
February .. ..	145	155	122	(c)152	116	156	c146.2	132.4	631
March .. ..	149	156	127	159	117	156	149.4	135.3	645
April .. ..	149	156	127	159	117	155	149.2	135.1	645
May .. ..	151	159	135	162	118	158	152.1	137.8	657

(a) Affected by stoppage in coal industry, New South Wales.  
last issue.

(b) Estimates, subject to revision.

(c) Revised since

NOTE.—Figures for the year 1939-40 and individual months of 1939-40 are final in respect of all States except Queensland which is subject to revision. Figures for the months of 1940-41 are estimates, subject to revision, in all cases.



# EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

(Base : July, 1933 = 100.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Index.	
							Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
1933—July .. ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0	100.0
1933-34 .. ..	103	107	101	102	99	106	103.7	103.4
1934-35 .. ..	111	118	106	108	105	108	111.6	110.4
1935-36 .. ..	118	130	109	114	110	112	119.4	117.3
1936-37 .. ..	124	137	111	115	115	119	124.7	121.5
1937-38 .. ..	130	141	112	115	116	118	128.3	124.0
1938-39 .. ..	132	142	114	114	116	133	130.0	124.4
1939-40 .. ..	132	144	117	112	115	139	130.9	124.2
1939-40—								
July .. ..	133	138	116	110	119	138	129.4	123.2
August .. ..	129	137	114	109	114	134	126.8	120.6
September .. ..	129	137	114	112	111	133	126.6	120.3
October .. ..	130	141	114	109	111	135	128.1	121.8
November .. ..	133	147	117	111	113	139	131.6	124.9
December .. ..	148	165	131	127	125	154	147.8	140.1
January .. ..	132	144	117	111	118	144	130.9	124.1
February .. ..	135	139	114	110	115	138	130.0	123.2
March .. ..	131	140	114	110	116	137	128.6	121.8
April .. ..	129	144	116	111	115	137	129.5	122.5
May .. ..	130	145	116	111	114	139	130.4	123.5
June .. ..	130	149	116	111	114	138	131.1	124.1
1940-41—								
July .. ..	131	142	116	110	116	138	129.6	122.6
August .. ..	130	140	114	111	112	137	128.3	121.3
September .. ..	129	142	113	111	113	137	128.4	121.4
October .. ..	130	143	113	111	110	138	128.9	121.8
November .. ..	134	148	117	117	113	139	133.0	125.7
December .. ..	152	174	131	127	122	152	151.3	143.1
January .. ..	131	141	116	116	116	141	130.0	123.0
February .. ..	135	145	116	111	112	136	131.6	124.5
March .. ..	132	144	116	110	110	135	130.3	123.3
April .. ..	133	146	114	111	109	135	130.8	123.8
May .. ..	134	147	115	114	110	135	131.9	124.8

A comparison of employment in retail stores in May, 1941 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States), with May, 1940, shows the following estimated percentage changes :—New South Wales, + 3.1; Victoria, + 1.4; Queensland, - 0.9; South Australia, + 2.7; Western Australia, - 3.5; Tasmania, - 2.9; Australia, + 1.2 (or, taking account of the growth of total population, + 1.1).

## TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only regular records of unemployment available in comparable form over a considerable period are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 54 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of trade unions.

Period.			New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1928-29	..	..	10.6	9.7	7.0	14.6	9.1	13.0	10.2
1932-33	..	..	31.2	24.8	17.4	32.0	28.0	21.8	27.5
1933-34	..	..	26.7	19.8	13.8	28.3	21.0	17.9	22.7
1934-35	..	..	23.6	15.7	9.8	22.0	15.7	15.9	18.9
1935-36	..	..	17.4	11.9	8.3	13.6	11.0	10.9	14.0
1936-37	..	..	12.8	10.1	7.4	9.4	6.0	8.4	10.6
1937-38	..	..	10.0	8.2	6.9	7.3	5.4	6.8	8.5
1938-39	..	..	10.3	10.0	6.0	9.4	6.5	8.9	9.3
1939-40	..	..	12.1	8.3	6.1	8.8	6.8	6.3	9.4
1939—									
February	..	..	10.6	10.8	6.1	9.3	7.3	7.6	9.6
May	..	..	10.6	10.4	5.7	9.5	6.2	9.4	9.5
August	..	..	11.6	11.2	5.8	9.4	8.2	8.3	10.2
November	..	..	11.1	9.0	5.8	9.1	6.6	7.1	9.3
1940—									
February	..	..	9.7	6.5	5.8	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.9
May (a)	..	..	15.9	6.6	6.8	8.3	5.6	5.0	10.5
August	..	..	9.8	5.9	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.6	7.4
November	..	..	8.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.2
1941—									
February	..	..	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3

(a) Coal-mining employees out of work owing to an industrial dispute were excluded from the tabulation, but persons in other industries indirectly unemployed owing to the dispute were included.

### INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : CHANGE FROM NOVEMBER, 1940, TO FEBRUARY, 1941.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 2.3% to 3.1%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 4.1% to 2.9%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 14.2% to 10.4%; IV. Clothing, hats, boots, &c., 2.9% to 3.6%; V. Books, printing, &c., 2.1% to 2.0%; VI. Other Manufacturing, 6.2% to 4.4%; VII. Building, 6.1% to 5.8%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 8.5% to 8.1%; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 8.7% to 6.3%; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV. Other and Miscellaneous, 6.8% to 6.6%; All Groups, 6.2% to 5.3%.

## BALANCE OF OVERSEA TRADE.

In the following table the oversea trade of Australia in physical commodities has been set out in a form which distinguishes between the ordinary trade in commodities other than gold, those movements of gold which may be regarded as resulting from current Australian production, and those movements of gold which cannot be attributed to the fact that Australia is a gold-producing country. The balance of trade on "current" account (that is, including credits from gold produced rather than gold exported) is given in columns D and E. The total balance of trade, as officially recorded, is given by the total of columns D and F.

Out of the credits mentioned above, together with those accruing from other "invisible" sources and existing balances of "oversea funds", Australia has to provide for various recurrent charges incurred overseas, and some payments of a capital nature. Chief among the former are the oversea interest commitments of the Australian Governments and other public bodies, which for the present trade year are estimated at approximately £22,000,000 sterling.

£'000 Sterling.

Period.	Merchandise and Silver.		Gold.	Net Credits from Current Items.		Gold.
	Imports.	Exports.	Current Production.	Excess of Exports and Gold Production over Imports.	Progressive totals from 1st July.	Net Exports in excess of current Production.
	A.	Annual B.	Totals. C.	D.	E.	F.
1928-29 .. ..	143,300	138,631	1,860	-2,809	..	777
1932-33 .. ..	56,872	78,803	4,606	26,537	..	12,302
1933-34 .. ..	59,502	91,162	5,671	37,331	..	978
1934-35 .. ..	72,440	82,562	5,891	16,013	..	522
1935-36 .. ..	83,617	99,121	7,358	22,862	..	1,258
1936-37 .. ..	90,642	118,300	9,026	36,684	..	340
1937-38 .. ..	111,782	112,688	10,227	11,133	..	730
1938-39 .. ..	99,384	97,529	11,668	9,813	..	232
1939-40 .. ..	115,716	119,253	14,104	17,641	..	(a)
1939-40—		Monthly	Totals.			
February .. ..	13,898	11,897	1,099	— 902	13,415	(a)
March .. ..	9,635	10,133	1,192	1,690	15,105	
April .. ..	12,236	11,142	1,154	60	15,165	
May .. ..	10,854	11,873	1,204	2,223	17,388	
June .. ..	10,298	9,373	1,178	253	17,641	
1940-41(b)—						
July .. ..	12,630	9,300	1,062	-2,268	-2,268	(a)
August .. ..	8,761	8,529	1,175	943	-1,325	
September .. ..	8,924	7,668	1,160	— 96	-1,421	
October .. ..	9,595	8,488	1,405	298	-1,123	
November .. ..	9,066	10,401	1,152	2,487	1,364	
December .. ..	8,632	9,168	1,093	1,629	2,993	
January .. ..	9,500	9,873	1,048	1,421	4,414	
February .. ..	6,208	7,465	955	2,212	6,626	
March .. ..	7,861	10,341	1,010	3,490	10,116	
April .. ..	8,897	9,179	1,034	1,316	11,432	
May .. ..	10,300	9,179	1,029	— 92	11,340	

(a) Not available for publication.

(b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—The export figures relate only to merchandise actually shipped. Under contracts with the British Government, Australia receives payment for some exportable commodities, e.g., wool, irrespective of when the goods are shipped. In 1940-41 payments for exportable goods may be somewhat larger than the recorded value of exports and payments relating to the balance of trade may be more favorable than is indicated by the figures above.



# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

£'000 Sterling.

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—								Fuels, Lubricants, Aids to Production, Munitions (a).	
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.		Total.			
	Class Ia.		Class Ib.		Class Ic.		Class I.		Classes II., III., VII.	
	Annual Totals.									
1928-29 ..	10,192	7.1	1,906	1.3	53,147	37.1	65,245	45.5	14,932	10.5
1932-33 ..	1,903	3.3	955	1.7	27,227	47.9	30,085	52.9	9,627	16.9
1933-34 ..	2,367	4.0	873	1.4	26,559	44.7	29,799	50.1	8,439	14.3
1934-35 ..	3,358	4.6	976	1.3	31,609	43.7	35,943	49.6	8,305	11.5
1935-36 ..	3,928	4.7	1,261	1.5	34,050	40.8	39,239	47.0	10,291	12.3
1936-37 ..	3,653	4.0	1,498	1.7	36,160	39.9	41,311	45.6	11,168	12.3
1937-38 ..	4,966	4.4	1,627	1.5	45,104	40.2	51,697	46.1	13,592	12.2
1938-39 ..	4,054	4.1	1,801	1.8	37,878	38.2	43,733	44.1	13,611	13.6
1939-40 ..	4,014	3.5	1,601	1.4	47,901	41.4	53,516	46.3	21,605	18.6
	Monthly Totals.									
1938-39—										
March ..	329	3.8	112	1.3	3,165	36.5	3,606	41.6	1,353	15.5
April ..	266	3.9	118	1.8	2,420	35.6	2,804	41.3	1,002	14.7
May ..	289	3.4	168	2.0	3,282	39.1	3,739	44.5	1,189	14.1
1939-40—										
July ..	288	3.3	177	2.0	3,617	40.8	4,082	46.1	1,197	13.5
August ..	351	3.8	154	1.7	3,722	40.4	4,227	45.9	1,093	12.0
September	243	3.6	91	1.3	2,638	38.6	2,972	43.5	1,134	16.6
October ..	255	3.5	145	2.0	2,642	36.0	3,042	41.5	1,362	18.6
November	274	3.7	145	2.0	3,118	42.2	3,537	47.9	1,317	17.8
December	275	3.6	110	1.4	2,844	36.9	3,229	41.9	1,606	20.8
January ..	403	3.5	160	1.4	4,805	41.9	5,368	46.8	1,979	17.2
February	494	3.6	114	0.8	5,580	40.1	6,188	44.5	3,115	22.3
March ..	325	3.4	102	1.1	3,913	40.6	4,340	45.1	2,091	21.7
April ..	410	3.4	112	0.9	5,214	42.6	5,736	46.9	2,332	19.0
May ..	357	3.3	165	1.5	5,040	46.4	5,562	51.2	2,092	19.2
June ..	339	3.3	126	1.2	4,768	46.3	5,233	50.8	2,287	22.2
1940-41 (b)—										
July ..	371	2.9	162	1.3	5,486	43.5	6,019	47.7	2,703	21.4
August ..	254	2.9	85	1.0	4,276	48.8	4,615	52.7	1,341	15.3
September	213	2.4	56	0.6	4,400	49.3	4,669	52.3	1,430	16.1
October ..	174	1.8	76	0.8	4,352	45.4	4,602	48.0	1,968	20.6
November	214	2.4	153	1.7	4,163	45.9	4,530	50.0	1,606	17.7
December	232	2.7	249	2.9	3,388	39.2	3,869	44.8	2,056	23.8
January ..	208	2.2	76	0.8	4,374	46.1	4,658	49.1	1,846	19.5
February	201	3.2	54	0.9	3,082	49.7	3,337	53.8	1,087	17.5
March ..	255	3.3	43	0.5	3,516	44.8	3,814	48.6	1,756	22.3
April ..	242	2.7	50	0.6	3,838	43.1	4,130	46.4	2,282	25.7
May ..	305	3.0	57	0.5	4,603	44.7	4,965	48.2	2,110	20.5

(a) Classes II., III. and VII. are not available for publication separately.

(b) Subject to revision.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

£'000 Sterling.

Period	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumers' Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.	Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.	Clothing and Accessories.	All Other.	Total.					
		Road Vehicles and Complete Parts.	Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.											
			Class IV.	Class VB.	Class V. A, C, D.					Class VI. A, B, C.	Class VI. D.	Class VI. E-J.	Class VI.	
Annual Totals.														
1928-29 ..	12,077	8.4	15,216	10.6	1,343	0.9	10,606	7.4	2,925	2.1	20,937	14.6	34,468	24.1
1932-33 ..	3,110	5.5	2,159	3.8	530	1.0	3,445	6.0	152	0.3	7,735	13.6	11,332	19.9
1933-34 ..	3,947	6.6	3,820	6.4	529	0.9	4,550	7.7	252	0.4	8,099	13.6	12,901	21.7
1934-35 ..	5,811	8.0	6,149	8.5	972	1.3	4,752	6.6	358	0.5	10,131	14.0	15,241	21.1
1935-36 ..	7,909	9.5	8,613	10.3	702	0.8	4,720	5.7	434	0.5	11,613	13.9	16,767	20.1
1936-37 ..	9,301	10.3	9,183	10.2	1,536	1.7	5,427	6.0	486	0.5	12,180	13.4	18,093	19.9
1937-38 ..	12,090	10.9	12,218	11.0	2,156	1.9	5,589	5.0	711	0.6	13,680	12.3	19,980	17.9
1938-39 ..	11,621	11.7	9,467	9.5	1,252	1.3	5,934	6.0	889	0.9	12,806	12.9	19,629	19.8
1939-40 ..	10,142	8.8	8,297	7.2	840	0.7	6,597	5.7	884	0.8	13,795	11.9	21,276	18.4
Monthly Totals.														
1938-39—														
March ..	968	11.2	912	10.5	281	3.3	469	5.4	118	1.4	964	11.1	1,551	17.9
April ..	816	12.0	769	11.3	24	0.4	468	6.9	62	0.9	847	12.5	1,377	20.3
May ..	932	11.1	848	10.1	181	2.2	504	6.0	57	0.7	954	11.3	1,515	18.0
1939-40—														
July ..	991	11.2	876	9.9	46	0.5	417	4.7	98	1.1	1,149	13.0	1,664	18.8
August ..	986	10.7	834	9.1	75	0.8	528	5.7	131	1.4	1,327	14.4	1,986	21.5
September ..	710	10.5	556	8.1	21	0.3	394	5.8	61	0.9	978	14.3	1,433	21.0
October ..	709	9.7	550	7.5	29	0.4	595	8.1	60	0.8	984	13.4	1,639	22.3
November ..	603	8.2	379	5.1	20	0.3	579	7.8	39	0.5	911	12.4	1,529	20.7
December ..	666	8.9	439	5.7	31	0.4	732	9.5	48	0.6	938	12.2	1,718	22.3
January ..	977	8.5	866	7.5	90	0.8	752	6.6	76	0.7	1,373	11.9	2,201	19.2
February ..	1,106	8.0	1,081	7.8	92	0.7	687	5.0	108	0.8	1,518	10.9	2,313	16.7
March ..	789	8.2	832	8.6	30	0.3	512	5.3	96	1.0	943	9.8	1,551	16.1
April ..	948	7.8	963	7.9	183	1.5	575	4.7	81	0.6	1,416	11.6	2,072	16.9
May ..	849	7.9	545	5.0	82	0.8	487	4.5	51	0.5	1,182	10.9	1,720	15.9
June ..	808	7.8	376	3.7	141	1.4	339	3.3	35	0.3	1,076	10.5	1,450	14.1
1940-41 (a)—														
July ..	1,080	8.6	607	4.8	122	1.0	498	3.9	65	0.5	1,532	12.1	2,095	16.5
August ..	831	9.5	415	4.7	77	0.9	333	3.8	49	0.6	1,090	12.5	1,472	16.9
September ..	752	8.4	756	8.5	94	1.1	338	3.8	56	0.6	822	9.2	1,216	13.6
October ..	759	7.9	740	7.7	176	1.8	459	4.8	39	0.4	848	8.8	1,346	14.0
November ..	899	9.9	326	3.6	199	2.2	513	5.7	34	0.4	954	10.5	1,501	16.6
December ..	939	10.9	255	3.0	185	2.1	499	5.8	33	0.4	794	9.2	1,326	15.4
January ..	1,065	11.2	204	2.1	232	2.4	581	6.1	36	0.4	875	9.2	1,492	15.7
February ..	579	9.3	193	3.1	84	1.4	372	6.0	29	0.5	520	8.4	921	14.9
March ..	722	9.2	213	2.7	60	0.8	551	7.0	127	1.6	612	7.8	1,290	16.4
April ..	885	9.9	263	3.0	74	0.8	436	4.9	33	0.4	793	8.9	1,262	14.2
May ..	1,060	10.3	475	4.6	80	0.8	415	4.0	185	1.8	1,005	9.8	1,605	15.6

(a) Subject to revision.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

£'000 Sterling.

Period.	Producers' Materials (Class I.).			Finished Consumers' Goods (Class VI.).			Total Imports of Merchandise (All Classes)			
	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.
Annual Totals.										
1928-29 .. ..	15,198	5,252	44,795	906	5,176	28,386	16,104	20,226	106,951	143,281
1932-33 .. ..	6,141	2,898	21,046	347	1,844	9,141	6,488	11,376	38,979	56,843
1933-34 .. ..	6,353	2,921	20,525	345	2,752	9,804	6,698	11,632	41,105	59,435
1934-35 .. ..	8,028	3,555	24,360	411	2,726	12,104	8,439	12,626	51,356	72,421
1935-36 .. ..	9,612	3,552	26,075	226	2,733	13,808	9,838	14,064	59,619	83,521
1936-37 .. ..	10,778	3,922	26,611	477	3,190	14,426	11,255	15,845	63,492	90,592
1937-38 .. ..	13,061	4,723	33,913	501	3,162	16,317	13,562	18,903	79,268	111,733
1938-39 .. ..	11,581	3,693	28,459	576	3,258	15,795	12,157	17,127	70,029	99,313
1939-40 .. ..	13,402	5,400	34,714	582	3,750	16,944	13,984	22,968	78,724	115,676
Monthly Totals.										
1938-39—										
March .. ..	1,117	268	2,221	71	236	1,244	1,188	1,419	6,064	8,671
April .. ..	819	317	1,668	54	251	1,072	873	1,398	4,521	6,792
May .. ..	1,153	316	2,270	101	250	1,164	1,254	1,422	5,728	8,404
1939-40—										
July .. ..	1,033	280	2,769	48	264	1,352	1,081	1,488	6,287	8,856
August .. ..	1,017	386	2,824	58	343	1,585	1,075	1,616	6,510	9,201
September .. ..	805	292	1,875	47	226	1,160	852	1,456	4,518	6,826
October .. ..	1,046	294	1,702	62	326	1,251	1,108	1,605	4,618	7,331
November .. ..	1,164	297	2,076	38	339	1,152	1,202	1,439	4,744	7,385
December .. ..	832	329	2,068	48	490	1,180	880	1,862	4,947	7,689
January .. ..	1,158	564	3,646	48	354	1,799	1,206	2,333	7,942	11,481
February .. ..	1,517	601	4,070	48	383	1,882	1,565	2,734	9,596	13,895
March .. ..	1,182	456	2,702	51	334	1,166	1,233	1,798	6,602	9,633
April .. ..	1,154	602	3,980	34	294	1,744	1,188	2,332	8,714	12,234
May .. ..	1,380	590	3,592	61	243	1,416	1,441	2,211	7,198	10,850
June .. ..	1,114	712	3,407	41	152	1,257	1,155	2,094	7,046	10,295
1940-41(a)—										
July .. ..	1,112	588	4,319	40	273	1,782	1,152	1,930	9,544	12,626
August .. ..	967	502	3,146	42	191	1,239	1,009	1,541	6,201	8,751
September .. ..	865	934	2,870	53	213	950	918	1,963	6,036	8,917
October .. ..	824	611	3,167	66	297	983	890	1,829	6,872	9,591
November .. ..	965	736	2,829	36	308	1,157	1,001	1,780	6,280	9,061
December .. ..	803	326	2,740	49	322	955	852	1,499	6,279	8,630
January .. ..	692	623	3,343	42	373	1,077	734	2,071	6,692	9,497
February .. ..	873	290	2,174	35	221	665	908	994	4,299	6,201
March .. ..	1,017	347	2,450	47	404	839	1,064	1,283	5,508	7,855
April .. ..	921	656	2,553	44	279	939	965	1,498	6,433	8,896
May .. ..	1,135	803	3,027	32	257	1,316	1,167	1,866	7,262	10,295

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed".

(a) Subject to revision.



# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

£'000 Australian Currency.

Period.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Merchan- dise and Silver.
Annual Totals.										
1928-29 .. ..	61,615	26,335	7,159	2,375	6,342	9,291	3,233	2,301	943	138,631
1932-33 .. ..	36,408	21,954	8,940	1,811	6,001	2,369	2,384	2,231	2,418	98,720
1933-34 .. ..	57,126	12,141	8,194	2,856	7,097	4,391	2,418	2,652	2,012	114,430
1934-35 .. ..	39,266	16,220	9,587	2,733	8,847	3,506	2,410	2,166	1,822	103,707
1935-36 .. ..	52,346	18,571	9,833	2,758	8,754	5,650	3,837	1,987	2,027	124,436
1936-37 .. ..	62,505	24,352	8,802	3,707	10,332	7,302	4,818	2,060	1,980	148,490
1937-38 .. ..	46,984	26,939	10,781	4,027	12,254	6,197	4,913	2,684	2,055	141,668
1938-39 .. ..	42,737	13,275	12,892	4,178	11,780	4,104	4,276	2,865	2,023	122,543
1939-40 .. ..	56,903	12,789	15,895	6,186	15,120	4,167	(a)	1,994	1,167	149,674
Monthly Totals.										
1938-39—										
March .. ..	4,967	1,184	936	1	794	277	365	141	507	11,307
April .. ..	2,890	1,116	908	2	503	186	321	635	567	8,606
May .. ..	2,369	1,200	1,468	3	664	263	433	582	515	10,064
1939-40—										
July .. ..	2,372	746	916	413	934	309	181	164	95	8,378
August .. ..	1,248	541	849	776	976	406	340	214	35	8,230
September .. ..	721	413	1,159	920	1,311	375	462	164	28	8,236
October .. ..	1,083	705	1,462	913	2,009	612	473	54	31	10,347
November .. ..	7,395	826	1,800	662	2,520	331	491	11	37	16,621
December .. ..	7,232	471	2,145	469	1,695	449	513	2	15	15,119
January .. ..	6,451	913	2,432	676	1,086	383	427	4	5	14,532
February .. ..	7,432	1,123	1,660	329	811	533	538	6	50	14,909
March .. ..	5,639	1,418	1,330	633	638	184	217	35	219	12,691
April .. ..	6,639	1,435	1,060	96	783	193	(a)	305	262	13,986
May .. ..	6,484	2,035	680	255	1,053	222	(a)	583	171	14,880
June .. ..	4,207	2,163	402	44	1,304	170	(a)	452	219	11,745
1940-41(b)—										
July .. ..	3,213	2,384	334	219	1,376	421	(a)	617	48	11,648
August .. ..	2,533	1,349	338	1,021	1,695	515	(a)	520	34	10,682
September .. ..	2,339	1,451	440	859	1,008	393	(a)	116	30	9,605
October .. ..	2,842	1,241	980	481	1,437	349	(a)	171	35	10,631
November .. ..	3,644	1,502	1,325	687	2,249	287	(a)	31	29	13,027
December .. ..	3,746	1,616	1,127	256	1,107	317	(a)	22	42	11,483
January .. ..	4,516	1,702	1,402	311	955	159	(a)	22	19	12,366
February .. ..	2,669	1,312	1,663	59	636	120	(a)	15	44	9,350
March .. ..	5,424	918	1,697	273	863	211	(a)	42	31	12,953
April .. ..	3,547	1,074	1,328	216	1,164	219	(a)	89	35	11,496
May .. ..	3,858	963	753	68	1,584	550	(a)	251	20	11,497

(a) Not available for publication.

(b) Subject to revision.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEX.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Year.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Month.	1938-39.		1939-40.		1940-41.	
				Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding Gold.
1928-29	1,000	1,000	July .. ..	744	769	679	712	848	882
1929-30	812	817	August .. ..	716	743	674	707	844	879
1930-31	608	620	September ..	685	716	765	803	846	881
1931-32	593	612	October .. ..	693	723	796	833	847	882
1932-33	579	601	November ..	679	711	799	835	847	883
1933-34	796	764	December ..	668	701	807	843	847	882
1934-35	615	642	January .. ..	676	707	844	879	848	883
1935-36	782	806	February ..	674	705	844	879	855	889
1936-37	959	975	March .. ..	655	688	846	881	859	894
1937-38	850	871	April .. ..	650	683	847	882	859	894
1938-39	681	711	May .. ..	649	683	848	883	859	893
1939-40	800	835	June .. ..	669	702	849	884	..	..

## EXPORT PRICE INDEX (CHANGING BASE).

The index-numbers in the table above, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (inclusive of gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted Average Price Level in corresponding months of preceding year = 1,000.)

Month.	1938-39.		1939-40.		1940-41.	
	<i>Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.</i>	<i>Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.</i>	<i>Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.</i>	<i>Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.</i>	<i>Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.</i>	<i>Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.</i>
July .. ..	757	757	936	936	1,249	1,249
August ..	771	762	970	951	1,214	1,232
September ..	759	762	1,126	1,012	1,086	1,182
October ..	791	771	1,136	1,051	1,052	1,145
November ..	874	799	1,171	1,085	1,045	1,117
December ..	835	806	1,206	1,111	1,045	1,099
January ..	864	813	1,224	1,128	1,006	1,082
February ..	871	821	1,248	1,145	1,013	1,074
March ..	853	825	1,287	1,160	1,011	1,067
April ..	843	827	1,294	1,172	1,009	1,060
May ..	860	830	1,278	1,181	1,012	1,056
June ..	903	834	1,286	1,188	..	..

## PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base 1928-29 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 33. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of the Commonwealth.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and to provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold. (a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1928-29 .. ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1932-33 .. ..	679	538	610	597	686	1,718	618
1933-34 .. ..	675	801	599	722	684	1,817	731
1934-35 .. ..	749	596	646	655	689	2,002	674
1935-36 .. ..	803	767	711	768	735	2,062	781
1936-37 .. ..	950	857	761	870	795	2,039	877
1937-38 .. ..	850	789	829	817	879	2,045	836
1938-39 .. ..	770	681	868	745	756	2,075	761
1939-40 .. ..	767	737	832	764	802	2,289	788
1939-40—							
February .. ..	779	764	826	780	882	2,509	812
March .. ..	794	776	826	791	891	2,510	822
April .. ..	827	784	826	805	893	2,510	834
May .. ..	821	805	826	814	893	2,510	842
June .. ..	819	795	826	809	895	2,507	837
1940-41—							
July .. ..	819	801	824	811	894	2,484	837
August .. ..	826	817	826	822	896	2,501	848
September .. ..	847	814	826	827	897	2,510	853
October .. ..	840	813	826	824	897	2,519	850
November .. ..	847	778	826	810	916	2,519	841
December .. ..	851	786	823	814	915	2,519	844
January .. ..	865	787	821	819	923	2,519	849
February .. ..	840	773	814	802	916	2,519	834
March .. ..	835	769	816	800	916	2,519	832
April .. ..	831	766	839	801	928	2,519	833
May .. ..	819	755	838	791	935	2,519	825
1st 11 months, 1939/40	762	732	832	760	852	2,448	791
.. .. 1940/41	838	787	825	811	912	2,513	841

(a) Year ended December previous.

# WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

## BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

The construction of this new index has been made possible by the collection of new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of General Wholesale Prices. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and dealers, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1932-33 ..	823	1,022	586	976	604	1,000	745	1,066	732	815
1933-34 ..	808	794	792	917	697	991	788	977	755	811
1934-35 ..	766	842	609	840	674	981	816	1,009	749	814
1935-36 ..	725	895	774	816	766	981	857	1,037	776	840
1936-37 ..	758	925	920	814	963	1,044	910	1,088	828	892
1937-38 ..	798	951	776	824	844	1,098	932	1,117	845	911
1938-39 ..	807	944	633	833	806	1,024	961	1,087	862	916
1939-40 ..	827	1,083	806	880	1,013	1,144	936	1,214	859	944
1939-40—										
February ..	830	1,097	816	923	1,098	1,200	935	1,249	861	955
March ..	833	1,140	834	923	1,089	1,201	951	1,266	875	969
April ..	849	1,152	843	924	1,063	1,203	971	1,275	891	985
May ..	835	1,274	843	924	1,084	1,201	987	1,329	902	1,006
June ..	835	1,279	838	924	1,062	1,287	974	1,352	894	1,006
1940-41—										
July ..	835	1,280	836	1,006	1,052	1,287	970	1,361	893	1,007
August ..	835	1,275	825	1,014	1,050	1,359	986	1,373	907	1,020
September..	835	1,272	838	1,014	1,051	1,359	993	1,368	912	1,023
October ..	841	1,282	850	1,012	1,059	1,359	994	1,398	907	1,027
November..	841	1,282	848	1,019	1,112	1,359	962	1,392	889	1,011
December..	841	1,286	852	1,019	1,106	1,359	977	1,409	895	1,020
January ..	847	1,285	853	1,020	1,092	1,354	987	1,409	902	1,026
February ..	848	1,283	852	1,020	1,084	1,355	945	1,415	871	1,003
March ..	848	1,284	868	1,022	1,094	1,355	942	1,415	870	1,002
April ..	856	1,325	876	1,022	1,121	1,355	945	1,435	875	1,011
May ..	858	1,325	892	1,022	1,180	1,379	945	1,456	874	1,015

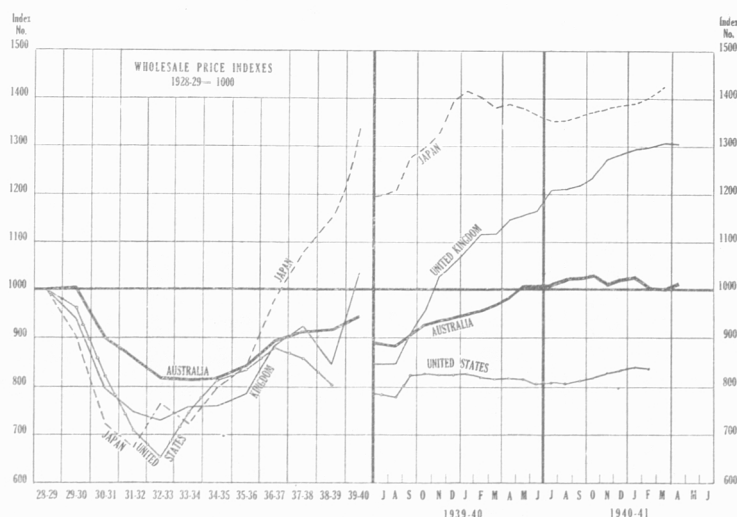
(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

# WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	United Kingdom.		U.S.A.	Japan.	Germany.	France.	Italy.	Canada.	South Africa.	New Zealand.	Australia.
	Board of Trade.	Economist.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.	Bank of Japan	Stat. Reichsamt.	Stat. Générale.	Milan.	Dominion Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Government Statistician. (a)	Commonwealth Statistician.
1928-29 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1932-33 ..	729	650	654	764	668	628	600	690	745	915	815
1933-34 ..	759	683	748	721	688	612	565	743	854	920	811
1934-35 ..	760	698	811	798	724	542	581	757	811	948	814
1935-36 ..	786	740	832	841	742	549	719	764	823	957	840
1936-37 ..	883	836	879	975	755	770	801	850	831	1,033	892
1937-38 ..	924	814	857	1,079	760	974	941	881	877	1,049	911
1938-39 ..	848	736	802	1,150	763	1,041	960	783	859	1,056	916
1939-40 ..	1,036	914	813	1,336	777	..	..	844	906	1,139	944
1939-40—											
February ..	1,115	967	818	1,403	778	..	..	874	929	1,151	955
March ..	1,115	983	815	1,380	789	..	..	878	937	1,172	969
April ..	1,148	986	817	1,388	789	..	..	877	944	1,189	985
May ..	1,156	1,007	815	1,379	789	..	..	867	950	1,199	1,006
June ..	1,164	1,028	805	1,364	789	..	..	861	950	1,204	1,006
1940-41—											
July ..	1,208	1,010	808	1,352	799	..	..	870	952	1,220	1,007
August ..	1,212	1,035	805	1,353	799	..	..	873	955	1,240	1,020
September ..	1,219	1,037	811	1,362	799	..	..	877	966	1,251	1,023
October ..	1,234	1,038	818	1,369	799	..	..	879	985	1,268	1,027
November ..	1,270	1,053	827	1,375	799	..	..	887	986	1,273	1,011
December ..	1,282	1,061	832	1,383	799	..	..	889	990	1,283	1,020
January ..	1,293	1,078	840	1,387	799	..	..	893	1,000	1,289	1,026
February ..	1,297	1,089	838	1,402	799	..	..	899	1,000	1,296	1,003
March ..	1,306	1,097	847	1,427	..	..	..	907	1,009	1,304	1,002
April ..	1,305	1,097	..	..	..	..	..	913	..	1,309	1,011
May ..	..	1,104	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,015

(a) Year ended December following.



# RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base 1928-29 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute heights of the index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those published elsewhere.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities.					Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.	
	Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c. and Rent (B Series).	Clothing and Miscellaneous.	Food, Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous (C Series).	Nominal Weekly Rates, Adult Males.	" Real " Wages, Adult Males.(a)
1928-29 .. ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1932-33 .. ..	753	754	753	858	794	813	1,024
1933-34 .. ..	761	752	756	852	794	804	1,013
1934-35 .. ..	786	770	780	848	807	816	1,011
1935-36 .. ..	807	803	805	850	823	825	1,002
1936-37 .. ..	834	838	836	862	846	846	1,000
1937-38 .. ..	856	867	860	879	868	897	1,033
1938-39 .. ..	908	894	902	884	894	930	1,040
1939-40 .. ..	919	907	914	917	913	949	1,039
1938-39—							
April .. ..	931	} 901	911	886	899	940	1,046
May .. ..	911						
June .. ..	908						
1939-40—							
July .. ..	912	} 905	909	886	898	944	1,051
August .. ..	910						
September .. ..	914						
October .. ..	928	} 906	914	901	908	946	1,042
November .. ..	924						
December .. ..	904						
January .. ..	900	} 908	909	921	912	949	1,041
February .. ..	909						
March .. ..	919						
April .. ..	937	} 909	925	959	935	955	1,021
May .. ..	936						
June .. ..	936						
1940-41—							
July .. ..	927	} 910	921	976	940	969	1,031
August .. ..	927						
September .. ..	934						
October .. ..	943	} 911	933	1,025	967	974	1,007
November .. ..	947						
December .. ..	952						
January .. ..	966	} 913	935	1,045	975	..	..
February .. ..	944						
March .. ..	939						
April .. ..	941	..	..	..	..	..	..
May .. ..	930	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by "C" series index of retail prices.



# RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND BASIC WAGE RATES.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
<i>1940 : March Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	927	916	870	894	884	900	912
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	962	933	968	884	1,004	903	949
"Real" weekly wage (a) ..	1,038	1,019	1,113	989	1,136	1,003	1,041
Average weekly hours ..	43.92	44.61	43.46	45.75	44.33	45.01	44.27
Federal metrop. basic wage ..	82/-	(b) 81/-	(b) 77/-	77/-	77/-	(b) 78/-	(b) 80/-
State metrop. basic wage ..	82/-	(c)	84/-	78/-	82/2	(c)	..
<i>1940 : June Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	951	944	882	916	914	920	935
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	971	940	968	888	1,004	904	955
"Real" weekly wage (a) ..	1,021	996	1,098	969	1,098	983	1,021
Average weekly hours ..	43.89	44.48	43.46	45.58	44.12	44.95	44.22
Federal metrop. basic wage ..	(d) 83/-	(d) 82/-	(d) 78/-	(d) 78/-	77/-	78/-	80/-
State metrop. basic wage ..	(d) 83/-	(c)	84/-	78/-	82/2	(c)	..
<i>1940 : September Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	954	949	888	921	923	929	940
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	988	958	969	897	1,031	912	969
"Real" weekly wage (a) ..	1,036	1,009	1,091	974	1,112	982	1,031
Average weekly hours ..	43.71	44.30	43.46	45.23	44.11	44.95	44.05
Federal metrop. basic wage (e)	85/-	84/-	79/-	80/-	79/-	80/-	82/-
State metrop. basic wage ..	(e) 85/-	(c)	84/-	78/-	(f) 85/4	(c)	..
<i>1940 : December Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	988	970	920	938	934	957	967
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	990	962	971	916	1,033	920	974
"Real" weekly wage (a) ..	1,002	992	1,055	977	1,106	961	1,007
Average weekly hours ..	43.70	44.28	43.46	45.23	44.09	44.92	44.04
Federal metrop. basic wage ..	85/-	84/-	79/-	80/-	(g) 80/-	(g) 81/-	(g) 83/-
State metrop. basic wage ..	85/-	(c)	84/-	(h) 84/-	85/4	(c)	..
<i>1941 : March Quarter—</i>							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	998	976	931	951	946	963	975
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	88/-	86/-	82/-	82/-	81/-	83/-	85/-
State metrop. basic wage ..	(b) 88/-	(c)	(i) 89/-	84/-	(j) 86/11	(c)	..
<i>1941 : June Quarter—</i>							
Federal metrop. basic wage ..	88/-	(d) 87/-	(d) 83/-	(d) 83/-	(d) 82/-	(d) 84/-	(d) 86/-
State metrop. basic wage ..	88/-	(c)	89/-	84/-	(k) 88/-	(c)	..

(a) Weighted average Six Capitals or Six States 1928-1929 = 1,000. (b) Payable as from 1st February. (c) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 1st May. (e) Payable as from 1st August. (f) Payable as from 31st July. (g) Payable as from 1st November. (h) Payable as from 28th November. (i) Payable as from 31st March. (j) Payable as from 26th February. (k) Payable as from 28th April.

## SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the three sets of index-numbers given below, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the tables.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)						
	23 Manufactur- ing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscel- laneous).	34 Active shares included in foregoing.
1928-29 .. ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1932-33 .. ..	680	506	1,024	618	711	640	698
1933-34 .. ..	835	684	1,175	828	877	795	851
1934-35 .. ..	951	836	1,351	794	1,068	910	956
1935-36 .. ..	1,079	967	1,445	824	1,178	1,006	1,070
1936-37 .. ..	1,208	1,110	1,419	926	1,209	1,091	1,163
1937-38 .. ..	1,235	1,056	1,441	882	1,130	1,077	1,145
1938-39 .. ..	1,219	978	1,354	704	1,109	1,035	1,091
1939-40 .. ..	1,258	923	1,076	731	1,113	1,020	1,104
1939-40—							
February .. ..	1,305	953	1,162	762	1,154	1,051	1,146
March .. ..	1,271	933	1,121	759	1,129	1,024	1,116
April .. ..	1,277	924	1,088	765	1,117	1,019	1,123
May .. ..	1,232	890	1,093	739	1,091	991	1,091
June .. ..	1,094	772	1,019	632	1,000	888	959
1940-41—							
July .. ..	1,124	770	1,018	604	966	890	973
August .. ..	1,156	836	1,039	646	971	916	1,008
September .. ..	1,213	878	1,058	671	1,007	956	1,058
October .. ..	1,262	918	1,061	679	1,079	992	1,105
November .. ..	1,288	971	1,112	696	1,100	1,019	1,116
December .. ..	1,292	944	1,107	704	1,096	1,015	1,112
January .. ..	1,307	955	1,130	702	1,092	1,023	1,124
February .. ..	1,282	955	1,135	689	1,079	1,012	1,100
March .. ..	1,278	945	1,120	695	1,083	1,006	1,098
April .. ..	1,266	927	1,090	691	1,067	992	1,090
May .. ..	1,254	915	1,071	676	1,061	980	1,079

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values.

# SECURITY PRICE INDEXES—continued.

(Base: 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	34 Active Ordinary Shares.(a)	15 Preference Shares (b)	9 Bank Shares.(b)	4 Silverlead Shares.(b)	Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(c)		
					12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1928-29 .. ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1932-33 .. ..	698	1,124	618	693	763	773	767
1933-34 .. ..	851	1,235	692	908	913	884	899
1934-35 .. ..	956	1,333	650	1,017	977	925	952
1935-36 .. ..	1,070	1,277	702	1,542	1,028	935	982
1936-37 .. ..	1,163	1,239	749	2,554	1,053	937	996
1937-38 .. ..	1,145	1,242	686	2,222	1,062	947	1,006
1938-39 .. ..	1,091	1,246	624	1,764	1,026	926	978
1939-40 .. ..	1,104	1,151	558	1,615	1,068	861	967
1939-40—							
February .. ..	1,146	1,153	584	1,748	1,087	867	979
March .. ..	1,116	1,167	577	1,649	1,072	862	970
April .. ..	1,123	1,193	578	1,680	1,075	854	967
May .. ..	1,091	1,207	572	1,449	1,079	859	973
June .. ..	959	1,120	517	1,193	984	817	903
1940-41—							
July .. ..	973	1,101	517	1,221	985	822	896
August .. ..	1,008	1,113	499	1,371	1,014	792	906
September .. ..	1,058	1,159	520	1,427	1,044	811	930
October .. ..	1,105	1,188	541	1,505	1,063	823	946
November .. ..	1,116	1,206	562	1,526	1,092	827	963
December .. ..	1,112	1,217	555	1,527	1,097	827	966
January .. ..	1,124	1,220	531	1,522	1,105	829	971
February .. ..	1,100	1,212	552	1,433	1,087	820	957
March .. ..	1,098	1,202	555	1,411	1,050	806	931
April .. ..	1,090	1,183	542	1,372	1,041	802	924
May .. ..	1,079	1,168	536	1,329	1,025	797	914

(a) See note (a) on page 20. These 34 shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares nor mining shares. (b) Compiled by the Stock Exchange of Melbourne. The index-numbers of bank shares and silverlead shares represent averages (weighted by paid-up capital, with adjustment in the case of bank shares) of the mean monthly prices on the Melbourne Stock Exchange. The preference share index-numbers are based on the reciprocals of average yields. Recomp'd from original base, May, 1926. (c) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. End-of-month values were used until December, 1930, and mean monthly values thereafter. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928.

# SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	Primary Production Prices (All Groups).	Export Prices (including Gold).	Wholesale Prices of Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities) : " C " Series	Security Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).
			Goods Primarily Imported. (a)	Goods Primarily Home Pro- duced.	All Groups.		
1928-29 .. ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1932-33 .. ..	618	601	1,066	732	815	794	640
1933-34 .. ..	731	764	977	755	811	794	795
1934-35 .. ..	674	642	1,009	749	814	807	910
1935-36 .. ..	781	806	1,037	776	840	823	1,006
1936-37 .. ..	877	975	1,088	828	892	846	1,091
1937-38 .. ..	836	871	1,117	845	911	868	1,077
1938-39 .. ..	761	711	1,087	862	916	894	1,035
1939-40 .. ..	788	835	1,214	859	944	913	1,020
1938-39—							
March .. ..	779	688	1,077	906	947	} 899 {	1,027
April .. ..	759	683	1,077	886	932		1,008
May .. ..	727	683	1,081	834	893		1,034
1939-40—							
July .. ..	724	712	1,077	828	888	} 898 {	1,039
August .. ..	720	707	1,077	821	882		1,028
September .. ..	767	803	1,125	833	902		1,009
October .. ..	797	833	1,157	852	925	} 908 {	1,022
November .. ..	787	835	1,195	849	931		1,042
December .. ..	784	843	1,231	844	937		1,054
January .. ..	809	879	1,234	854	946	} 912 {	1,071
February .. ..	812	879	1,249	861	955		1,051
March .. ..	822	881	1,266	875	969		1,024
April .. ..	834	882	1,275	891	985	} 935 {	1,019
May .. ..	842	883	1,329	902	1,006		991
June .. ..	837	884	1,352	894	1,006		888
1940-41—							
July .. ..	837	882	1,361	893	1,007	} 940 {	890
August .. ..	848	879	1,373	907	1,020		916
September .. ..	853	881	1,368	912	1,023		956
October .. ..	850	882	1,398	907	1,027	} 967 {	992
November .. ..	841	883	1,392	889	1,011		1,019
December .. ..	844	882	1,409	895	1,020		1,015
January .. ..	849	883	1,409	902	1,026	} 975 {	1,023
February .. ..	834	889	1,415	871	1,003		1,012
March .. ..	832	894	1,415	870	1,002		1,006
April .. ..	833	894	1,435	875	1,011	..	992
May .. ..	825	893	1,456	874	1,015	..	980

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

# BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(Excluding Government Buildings.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	All Building Operations.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Averages.								
1928-29(a) ..	1,619	1,549	446	605	2,065	2,154	467	2,621
1932-33 ..	293	266	220	122	513	388	177	565
1933-34 ..	499	510	107	174	606	684	229	913
1934-35 ..	762	796	137	300	899	1,096	340	1,436
1935-36 ..	1,026	1,028	164	416	1,190	1,444	371	1,815
1936-37 ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38 ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39 ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1939-40(b) ..	1,367	1,440	123	426	1,490	1,867	339	2,206
Monthly Totals.								
1938-39—								
March ..	1,494	1,508	158	469	1,652	1,977	587	2,564
April ..	1,207	1,212	111	527	1,318	1,739	292	2,031
May ..	1,564	1,493	148	553	1,712	2,046	456	2,502
1939-40—								
July ..	1,634	1,842	152	639	1,786	2,481	354	2,835
August ..	1,770	1,777	145	380	1,915	2,157	505	2,662
September ..	1,057	1,060	129	382	1,186	1,442	365	1,807
October ..	1,374	1,512	169	765	1,543	2,277	342	2,619
November ..	1,292	1,359	123	341	1,415	1,700	231	1,931
December ..	912	964	98	278	1,010	1,242	247	1,489
January ..	1,178	1,132	112	258	1,290	1,390	277	1,667
February ..	1,390	1,411	118	400	1,508	1,811	300	2,111
March ..	1,243	1,428	108	481	1,351	1,909	276	2,185
April ..	1,625	1,597	117	285	1,742	1,882	412	2,294
May(b) ..	1,656	1,703	116	748	1,772	2,451	388	2,839
June ..	1,276	1,498	90	163	1,366	1,661	369	2,030
1940-41—								
July ..	1,475	1,603	130	421	1,605	2,024	412	2,436
August ..	1,429	1,523	82	220	1,511	1,743	432	2,175
September ..	1,410	1,478	87	283	1,497	1,761	326	2,087
October ..	1,443	1,511	99	195	1,542	1,706	382	2,088
November ..	1,436	1,709	84	446	1,520	2,155	578	2,733
December ..	1,128	2,022	107	390	1,235	2,412	458	2,870
January ..	1,373	1,448	90	134	1,463	1,582	258	1,840
February ..	1,411	1,570	79	257	1,490	1,827	320	2,147
March ..	1,451	1,538	80	296	1,531	1,834	294	2,128
April ..	1,476	1,597	77	131	1,553	1,728	355	2,083
May ..	1,847	2,089	90	142	1,937	2,231	421	2,652

(a) Partly estimated in respect of the City of Sydney.

(b) Revised.

NOTE.—Under the National Security (Building Control) Regulations (published 18th November, 1940) a person could not, after 4th December, 1940, apply for a permit in respect of a new building or alteration costing more than £5,000 without the prior consent of the Commonwealth Treasurer. On 19th February, 1941, this limit was reduced to £1,000 for hotels, and to £3,000 for all other buildings as from 22nd April, 1941. The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under National Security Regulations. From 12th June, 1941, Treasurer's consent is necessary for erection of all buildings (except dwelling houses costing £3,000 and under) and for all alterations costing more than £250 for dwelling houses, £500 for hotels and shops, and £1,000 for all other buildings.



# BUILDING PERMITS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Excluding Government Buildings.)

£'000.

Period.	Recorded Value of " All Building Operations " in—						
	Common-wealth.	New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Maximum comparable total (excludes G, J and L).	Metropolis.	Country Municipalities.	7 Shires near Sydney.	Metropolis.	6 Provincial Municipalities.	4 Provincial Municipalities.
	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.
	Monthly Averages.						
1928-29 ..	3,103	1,415	329	79	638	19	..
1932-33 ..	711	189	87	21	214	9	..
1933-34 ..	1,131	345	137	32	352	13	..
1934-35 ..	1,775	636	223	43	467	14	..
1935-36 ..	2,263	782	312	49	597	21	..
1936-37 ..	2,507	848	362	54	667	29	33
1937-38 ..	2,939	1,093	423	83	669	38	40
1938-39 ..	2,971	1,111	404	91	702	33	30
1939-40 ..	2,749(a)	953	325	96	774(a)	33	32
1938-39—							
March Q'ter	2,815	952	389	77	763	27	23
June ..	2,976	1,077	375	97	691	28	23
1939-40—							
September ..	3,027	1,177	356	99	739	40	45
December ..	2,524	868	301	93	634	31	25
March ..	2,499	775	307	88	791	37	30
June ..	2,946(a)	993	338	102	932(a)	23	29
1940-41—							
September ..	2,743	948	302	97	784	15	24
December ..	3,061	1,190	301	94	898	17	51
March ..	2,465	785	237	81	790	17	25
	Monthly Totals.						
1940-41—							
March ..	..	857	..	..	739	..	..
April ..	..	775	..	..	855	..	..
May ..	..	1,078	..	..	1,103	..	..

(a) Revised.

## NOTES.

A. This column is the total of all series available continuously since 1928-29 for which information is at present collected at least quarterly. Columns G above and J on the next page are omitted as the information is not available for the earlier years, and column L on the next page is omitted because quarterly figures are not available.

F. Includes the Cities of Geelong West, Mildura and Warrnambool and the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale.

G. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong, and Shepparton Borough.

NOTE.—See footnote on p. 23.



# BUILDING PERMITS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—*continued.*

(Excluding Government Buildings.)

£'000.

Period.	Recorded Value of "All Building Operations" in—						
	Queensland.			South Australia.		Western Australia.	Tasmania.
	Metropolis.	11 Provincial Cities.	9 Provincial Towns.	Metropolis.	Country Municipalities.	Metropolis.	Metropolis.
	H.	I.	J.	K.	L.	M.	N.
	Monthly Averages.						
1928-29 ..	195	55	..	151	34	210	12
1932-33 ..	59	29	..	33	18	61	9
1933-34 ..	69	36	..	51	25	82	14
1934-35 ..	107	58	..	97	23	113	17
1935-36 ..	176	66	21	103	34	135	22
1936-37 ..	153	76	22	118	33	168	32
1937-38 ..	167	88	26	173	42	174	31
1938-39 ..	171	90	28	192	41	145	32
1939-40 ..	150	89	19	168	41(a)	126	35
1938-39—							
March Q'ter	188	83	26	161	..	138	37
June ..	166	93	21	277	..	146	26
1939-40—							
September ..	170	97	20	172	..	135	42
December ..	153	85	20	185	..	124	50
March ..	125	79	17	164	..	114	19
June ..	150	95	19	152	..	133	28
1940-41—							
September ..	184	95	35	168	..	115	35
December ..	157	85	19	173	..	122	24
March ..	161	91	18	155	..	122	26
	Monthly Totals.						
1940-41—							
March ..	180	115	23	212	..	123	17
April ..	161	73	12	125	..	148	19
May ..	155	75	16	157	..	132	27

(a) Subject to revision.

## NOTES.

I. The Cities included are Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville, and Warwick.

J. The Towns included are Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe.

L. The figures relate to financial years as follows :—For Corporations, years ended 30th November up to and including 1934, seven months ended 30th June, 1935, and years ended 30th June, thereafter. For District Councils, years ended 30th June.

NOTE.—See footnote on p. 23.

## MISCELLANEOUS INDEXES OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

The following table gives particulars of the physical quantity of production of certain items which are at present available on a monthly basis. Efforts are being made to extend the field of monthly production statistics.

Period.	Metals.				Butter.	Cheese.	Electricity and Gas.	
	Pig-iron : Index of Production. (a)	Ingot Steel : Index of Production. (a)	Zinc, refined : Index of Production.	Gold Produced.	Factory Production.	Factory Production.	Melbourne : Energy supplied for all purposes except traction. (b)	Sydney : Index of Sales of Gas and Electricity.
	1928-29 = 1,000.	1928-29 = 1,000.	1928-29 = 1,000.	Fine oz.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	Millions of K.W.H.	(c)
Monthly Averages.								
1928-29 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	36,496	22,796	2,459	..	..
1932-33 ..	729	907	839	64,034	33,222	3,045	30.9	97
1933-34 ..	1,057	1,198	831	72,680	35,753	3,164	33.9	100
1934-35 ..	1,515	1,610	915	70,381	37,247	3,294	37.9	104
1935-36 ..	1,699	1,896	1,100	88,280	34,232	3,174	40.9	111
1936-37 ..	1,981	2,481	1,089	108,173	31,154	3,664	44.0	115
1937-38 ..	2,016	2,678	1,084	123,274	34,143	4,634	48.0	121
1938-39 ..	2,396	2,704	1,085	134,160	36,360	5,408	50.3	126
1939-40 ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	141,206	(e) 38,035	(e) 5,766	55.7	134
Monthly Totals.								
1939-40—			(f)		(e)	(e)		
February ..	2,951	3,538	1,113	129,120	41,613	4,687	51.2	135
March ..	2,209	2,786	(d)	140,063	37,588	3,986	51.5	130
April ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	135,546	32,264	3,299	55.2	137
May ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	141,379	25,838	3,159	65.5	128
June ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	138,508	20,620	3,156	62.7	135
1940-41—								
July ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	126,098	22,596	3,629	78.9	139
August ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	138,531	26,303	4,826	63.8	137
September ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	136,315	32,649	6,187	62.7	134
October ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	164,517	39,768	7,757	59.4	137
November ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	134,797	38,605	7,044	57.1	139
December ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	127,911	45,421	6,390	58.0	138
January ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	e122,703	48,717	5,752	57.1	141
February ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	e111,811	42,099	4,343	57.7	142
March ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	e118,204	38,310	4,073	63.6	143
April ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	e121,077	31,899	3,347	62.3	141
May ..	(d)	(d)	(d)	e120,500	..	..	71.9	146

(a) Revised series, now based throughout on total production. (b) Includes all central generating stations. (c) The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding months of the three years 1929 to 1931 ; i.e. seasonal variations are removed. Based on units of 3,412 B.Th.U. (d) Not available for publication (e) Subject to revision (f) Estimated on the basis of production by the Electrolytic Zinc Company Ltd.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(a)		
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.
1928-29 .. ..	474,359	71,851	88,049	73,547	17,133	8,656
1932-33 .. ..	438,499	105,837	72,896	12,189	3,942	2,639
1933-34 .. ..	455,199	116,341	73,104	20,427	7,931	3,936
1934-35 .. ..	457,684	155,721	75,045	32,985	14,146	5,249
1935-36 .. ..	484,832	180,567	77,467	50,427	19,851	6,673
1936-37 .. ..	499,289	214,296	77,912	48,587	24,191	7,479
1937-38 .. ..	534,963	241,751	80,114	55,125	27,402	8,323
1938-39 .. ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	52,897	23,646	7,064
1939-40 .. ..	559,533	260,994	74,496	38,980	18,558	4,363
1938-39—						
March .. ..	557,254	256,999	80,116	5,067	2,054	818
April .. ..	555,628	256,640	79,168	4,111	1,672	530
May .. ..	558,528	258,355	79,139	5,069	2,021	529
1939-40—						
July .. ..	559,356	260,270	77,894	3,544	1,716	414
August .. ..	555,381	253,819	76,284	3,962	1,846	441
September .. ..	557,488	256,902	76,601	3,023	1,574	400
October .. ..	558,701	259,287	76,637	3,594	1,898	445
November .. ..	561,260	261,320	76,602	3,963	1,872	397
December .. ..	563,336	261,892	76,518	3,657	1,554	384
January .. ..	563,942	263,222	76,499	2,991	1,286	365
February .. ..	565,668	264,309	76,524	3,835	1,373	400
March .. ..	565,069	264,174	76,028	3,215	1,405	306
April .. ..	563,638	264,356	75,418	3,235	1,620	287
May .. ..	561,639	264,617	75,077	2,584	1,444	325
June .. ..	559,533	260,994	74,496	1,377	970	199
1940-41—						
July .. ..	547,504	261,218	73,031	895	825	253
August .. ..	545,317	261,039	73,181	941	656	242
September .. ..	542,191	256,774	72,493	1,334	711	237
October .. ..	543,396	259,174	72,918	1,632	983	274
November .. ..	546,828	261,883	73,542	1,986	944	260
December .. ..	551,708	264,181	74,163	1,992	1,005	221
January .. ..	551,166	263,659	73,786	1,663	788	186
February .. ..	548,641	261,705	73,061	2,330	1,071	250
March .. ..	548,451	263,219	72,923	1,678	887	165
April .. ..	546,067	263,802	72,223	1,437	661	159
May .. ..	543,281	264,208	71,651	1,008	720	121

(a) Excluding Northern Territory and extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia; also Australian Capital Territory prior to 1935-36.

# MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS: FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways.

The daily average number of passenger journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

Period.	Freight Carried.		Passenger Journeys.	Gross Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Net Ton Miles.	Average haul per ton.			
	Daily Average.		Daily Average.	Per Month.	Per Month.
	'000.	Miles.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1928-29 .. ..	12,404	114.1	1,013	3,947	812
1932-33 .. ..	11,267	133.1	858	3,017	777
1933-34 .. ..	10,615	125.8	891	2,941	751
1934-35 .. ..	11,673	124.0	969	3,171	845
1935-36 .. ..	12,152	125.2	999	3,259	858
1936-37 .. ..	12,820	125.9	1,028	3,407	886
1937-38 .. ..	13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39 .. ..	13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
1939-40 .. ..	13,524	132.9	1,029	3,720	817
1939-40—					
February .. ..	14,140	134.1	1,051	3,554	851
March .. ..	14,389	159.9	1,040	3,749	941
April .. ..	12,455	170.5	1,047	3,324	535
May .. ..	11,027	140.8	977	3,318	323
June .. ..	15,250	136.4	1,076	3,710	(a) 144
1940-41—					
July .. ..	17,065	133.3	1,079	4,224	1,375
August .. ..	16,688	131.1	1,029	4,354	1,459
September .. ..	16,693	126.5	1,132	4,286	1,406
October .. ..	15,428	122.5	1,079	4,495	1,492
November .. ..	14,990	123.0	1,090	4,145	1,027
December .. ..	12,687	132.3	1,127	4,145	1,123
January .. ..	11,380	127.7	1,078	3,876	959
February .. ..	13,882	123.0	1,166	3,770	927
March .. ..	14,280	126.2	1,197	4,093	1,012

(a) Figures not comparable with other months owing to the inclusion in some States of certain annual and other commitments in the expenditure figures for June.

# MAINLAND RAILWAYS: FREIGHT TONNAGES CARRIED.

The following table shows statistics of freight tonnages carried by the Mainland State and Commonwealth Railways.

The daily averages for freight tonnages are obtained by dividing monthly tonnages by the number of days in the month, excluding Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday.

Freight totals are obtained by adding together the total freight tonnages carried on the Commonwealth and State Railways and deducting the sum of the interstate tonnages carried in New South Wales and South Australia. This avoids double-counting except to a negligible extent.

Period.	Net Tonnage Carried—Mainland State and Commonwealth Railways.									
	Total Tonnage Carried.		Coal and Coke.	Other Minerals.	Wheat.	Other Grain and Flour.	Wool.	Live Stock.	Fruit.	All Other.
	Index 1928-29 = 100.	Tons.								
	Daily Averages.									
1928-29 ..	100	107,511	23,482	17,420	11,764	4,405	1,301	6,349	1,585	41,205
1932-33 ..	78	83,467	19,143	7,155	15,190	4,482	1,342	5,173	1,548	29,434
1933-34 ..	77	83,227	20,518	7,763	10,605	4,482	1,178	5,830	1,641	31,210
1934-35 ..	87	92,948	23,960	9,423	11,692	4,957	1,239	6,188	1,708	33,781
1935-36 ..	89	95,765	25,474	9,516	11,505	4,505	1,164	6,477	1,657	35,467
1936-37 ..	93	100,421	27,528	9,699	11,024	4,321	1,224	6,931	1,626	38,068
1937-38 ..	103	110,219	30,329	11,378	13,095	4,847	1,284	7,619	1,673	39,994
1938-39 ..	94	101,141	28,570	9,857	10,887	4,765	1,241	7,288	1,685	36,848
1939-40 ..	93	100,495	26,262	9,035	11,515	5,061	1,476	7,201	1,557	38,388
1939-40—										
February	97	104,664	28,393	10,039	15,983	4,967	489	6,473	1,883	36,437
March ..	82	88,663	12,908	9,190	11,260	4,956	822	6,074	2,578	40,875
April ..	66	71,201	4,563	5,027	8,313	4,829	1,048	5,617	2,381	39,423
May ..	73	78,922	18,437	5,584	10,707	5,144	827	5,489	1,748	30,986
June ..	102	109,292	34,650	9,744	15,004	6,108	525	7,284	1,598	34,379
1940-41—										
July ..	118	126,875	39,441	10,475	18,474	5,990	1,028	7,260	1,696	42,511
August ..	117	125,839	39,245	9,741	14,161	5,100	2,439	7,349	1,777	46,027
September	121	130,050	38,597	10,400	13,877	5,290	3,459	8,585	1,719	48,123
October ..	115	123,751	36,546	9,692	10,856	5,290	3,612	9,792	1,697	46,266
November	112	119,941	37,190	10,100	10,054	5,647	2,063	9,464	1,774	43,649
December	88	94,676	25,332	8,011	11,086	5,843	706	7,447	1,587	34,664
January ..	83	89,694	27,005	7,788	11,498	5,145	304	6,702	1,495	29,757
February	105	112,589	37,179	9,258	10,666	5,484	651	7,055	2,188	40,108
March	103	111,205	35,774	9,000	9,304	3,968	650	7,078	2,684	42,747

## WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree by such changes. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account, but endeavour is being made to obtain data that will enable approximate adjustments to be made. Monthly totals for 1939 and 1940 have now been compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

An index of activity in New South Wales is afforded by monthly returns of the sales of 42 large factories.

Monthly Averages.	Commonwealth.			New South Wales.
	Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts.(a)			Value of Sales of 42 large factories.
	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Monthly Averages. Totals complete.			
1930-31 .. .. .	15,153	15,621	30,774	2,065
1931-32 .. .. .	12,632	15,873	28,505	1,999
1932-33 .. .. .	13,071	16,075	29,146	2,098
1933-34 .. .. .	13,442	16,334	29,776	2,248
1934-35 .. .. .	14,392	17,272	31,664	2,427
1935-36 .. .. .	16,007	18,632	34,639	2,661
1936-37 .. .. .	15,440	21,751	37,191	2,912
1937-38 .. .. .	16,942	23,612	40,554	3,167
1938-39 .. .. .	16,374	23,388	39,762	2,956
1939-40 .. .. .	17,325	25,235	42,560	3,441
1939-40—	Monthly Totals. Partly Estimated.			
February .. .. .	17,379	23,884	41,263	3,468
March (b) .. .. .	17,638	26,640	44,278	3,562
April (b) .. .. .	19,177	26,382	45,559	3,581
May (b) .. .. .	16,204	26,679	42,883	3,498
June (b) .. .. .	13,730	22,781	36,511	3,083
1940-41—				
July (b) .. .. .	14,763	25,425	40,188	3,512
August (b) .. .. .	16,071	25,640	41,711	3,520
September (b) .. .. .	16,500	27,465	43,965	3,634
October (b) .. .. .	17,513	28,533	46,046	3,969
November (b) .. .. .	20,117	26,824	46,941	3,911
December (b) .. .. .	19,285	22,727	42,012	4,147
January (b) .. .. .	17,800	21,200	39,000	3,465
February (b) .. .. .	20,400	23,500	43,900	4,074
March (b) .. .. .	20,100	24,400	44,500	4,196
April (b) .. .. .	21,600	25,800	47,400	4,011

(a) The Act came into operation on 18th August, 1930, the rate of tax being 2½ per cent. It was raised to 6 per cent. on 11th July, 1931, but was reduced to 5 per cent. on 26th October, 1933, and to 4 per cent. on 11th September, 1936. It was again raised to 5 per cent. on 22nd September, 1938, to 6 per cent. on 9th September, 1939, and to 8½ per cent. on 3rd May, 1940. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 11th July, 1931; 2nd September, 1932; 11th November, 1932; 27th October, 1933; 1st August, 1934; 13th December, 1934; 25th October, 1935; and 26th September, 1936. The list of taxable goods was extended as from 3rd June, 1940, and 22nd November, 1940.

(b) Subject to revision.



## RETAIL TRADE.

Statistics of retail sales are collected in three States but are available for publication in only two, viz., New South Wales and Queensland. In New South Wales the Retail Traders Association Research Bureau, in co-operation with the Commonwealth Bank, collects returns from a number of large Sydney stores. In Queensland returns are collected by the Bureau of Industry from twelve large department stores in Brisbane and their branches in country towns. Because of the relatively rapid development of chain store business, it is uncertain to what extent the department store figures are representative of all retail trade.

### VALUE OF RETAIL SALES : PERCENTAGE CHANGE ON PREVIOUS YEAR.

Period.	Sydney.					Queensland.				
	Average of 3 months ended—				Year.	Average of 3 months ended—				Year.
	September.	December.	March.	June.		September.	December.	March.	June.	
1928-29 ..	..	..	..	..	..	+1.9	+2.6	+2.1	+3.6	+2.6
1932-33 ..	+12.4	+3.8	-0.6	-1.6	+3.5	-0.5	-2.2	-4.2	-0.1	-1.7
1933-34 ..	-1.8	+3.3	+3.3	+7.7	+3.2	-4.3	+1.8	+5.7	+7.3	+2.6
1934-35 ..	+9.8	+6.3	+3.2	+7.1	+6.6	+4.8	+3.3	+2.8	+1.1	+2.9
1935-36 ..	+5.0	+8.3	+7.6	+6.5	+6.9	-1.3	+1.0	-0.7	-1.2	-0.5
1936-37 ..	+6.5	+4.6	+4.5	+5.7	+5.3	+0.8	-2.6	-3.0	-1.3	-1.5
1937-38 ..	+8.1	+11.7	+6.3	+6.7	+8.3	+1.4	+6.1	+2.7	+5.1	+4.0
1938-39 ..	+4.7	+2.3	+4.6	-3.1	+1.9	+3.7	+1.1	+0.7	+3.5	+2.3
1939-40 ..	+2.6	+5.6	+3.2	+6.3	+4.5	+6.1	+9.9	+9.1	+8.7	+8.5
	Month of—		Average of 3 months ended—			Month of—		Average of 3 months ended—		
1939-40—										
February		+10.6		+6.2		+10.2		+8.9		
March ..		-7.6		+3.2		+8.4		+9.1		
April ..		+14.4		+5.5		+9.9		+9.6		
May ..		+7.0		+4.5		+9.3		+9.3		
June ..		-2.1		+6.3		+7.1		+8.7		
1940-41—										
July ..		+11.2		+5.6		+6.0		+7.5		
August ..		+12.7		+7.3		+5.9		+6.4		
September		-1.0		+7.5		+3.9		+5.3		
October..		+5.6		+5.5		-1.9		+2.5		
November		+13.0		+5.9		+8.8		+3.7		
December		+5.7		+7.8		+2.2		+3.0		
January ..		+13.2		+9.8		+8.0		+5.7		
February		+6.2		+7.7		+7.3		+5.1		
March ..		+13.9		+10.9		+2.2		+5.9		
April ..		+8.3		+9.3		-0.1		+2.9		

# AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(a)

£A'000.

Quarter.	Business within Australia.							£A'000.  London Funds. (c)	Total Cash + Treasury Bills + London Funds.
	Deposits.			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities. (b)	Cash.	Treasury Bills.		
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.						
1932—1st	189,388	91,815	281,203	224,895	9,744	52,900	26,927	28,837	108,664
1933— „	187,252	89,570	276,822	230,410	13,515	43,704	35,484	27,243	106,431
1934— „	188,553	101,964	290,517	233,464	17,466	47,639	29,479	34,928	112,046
1935— „	186,686	105,462	292,148	247,997	24,170	41,659	24,157	25,393	91,209
1936— „	177,825	113,940	291,765	256,857	16,299	33,429	25,065	30,227	88,721
1937— „	186,015	119,794	305,809	259,437	14,634	37,430	26,039	(d)	(d)
1938— „	195,916	124,107	320,023	276,604	22,760	39,641	20,087	(d)	(d)
1939— „	201,727	122,548	324,275	284,928	20,330	36,144	25,418	(d)	(d)
1940—1st	212,434	138,058	350,492	279,676	33,351	44,112	41,257	(d)	(d)
2nd	214,686	138,438	353,124	286,784	41,857	38,986	41,760	(d)	(d)
3rd	207,587	139,906	347,493	286,637	43,746	39,959	34,210	(d)	(d)
4th	207,153	152,055	359,208	281,475	49,657	42,863	41,405	(d)	(d)
1941—1st	210,384	160,743	371,127	278,213	57,659	45,557	43,472	(d)	(d)

Quarter.	Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits.					Percentage Non-interest- bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + London Funds.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia. (b)	
	%	%	%	%	%	
1932—1st	18.81	28.39	38.64	79.98	83.44	32.65
1933— "	15.79	28.61	38.45	83.23	88.12	32.36
1934— "	16.40	26.55	38.57	80.36	86.37	35.10
1935— "	14.26	22.53	31.22	84.89	93.16	36.10
1936— "	11.46	20.05	30.41	88.04	93.62	39.05
1937— "	12.24	20.75	(d)	84.84	89.62	39.18
1938— "	12.39	18.66	(d)	86.43	93.54	38.78
1939— "	11.15	18.98	(d)	87.87	94.14	37.79
1940—1st	12.59	24.36	(d)	79.80	89.31	39.39
2nd	11.04	22.87	(d)	81.21	93.07	39.21
3rd	11.50	21.34	(d)	82.49	95.08	40.26
4th	11.93	23.46	(d)	78.36	92.18	42.33
1941—1st	12.28	23.99	(d)	74.96	90.50	43.31

(a) Nine trading banks, including banks amalgamated with any of the present nine.  
(c) Excluding Australian Government Securities.

(b) Excluding Treasury Bills.

(d) Not yet available.

# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

£A'000.

Quarter.	General Banking Department.						Note Issue and General Banking Department.		Notes held outside Common- wealth Bank.
	Business within Australia.								
	Deposits.			Balances Due to Other Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short-term Loans.	Govern- ment and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London.	Net London Funds. (a)	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.						
1932—1st ..	26,254	9,020	35,274	32,100	14,923	35,789	39,731	22,665	46,519
1933— „ ..	30,181	6,249	36,430	25,578	(b) 9,668	41,194	38,705	29,280	42,802
1934— „ ..	27,866	9,589	37,455	30,875	7,844	45,032	47,408	50,404	42,051
1935— „ ..	33,727	9,882	43,609	26,140	8,049	48,334	44,139	33,576	42,082
1936— „ ..	30,905	11,311	42,216	19,339	9,648	43,321	35,527	27,356	42,785
1937— „ ..	33,895	14,977	48,872	23,695	11,983	46,929	37,440	(c)	43,256
1938— „ ..	41,913	17,368	59,281	25,129	14,553	45,905	42,447	(c)	45,683
1939— „ ..	40,460	18,788	59,248	23,741	17,960	46,425	35,004	(c)	44,282
1940—1st ..	45,594	23,496	69,090	33,478	32,507	41,661	47,740	(c)	49,708
2nd ..	50,169	30,054	80,223	28,968	37,412	33,086	58,539	(c)	51,606
3rd ..	49,512	33,813	83,325	29,690	35,862	34,923	62,255	(c)	59,081
4th ..	57,526	25,865	83,391	32,989	32,109	34,852	72,199	(c)	60,570
1941—1st ..	56,708	25,041	81,749	36,645	27,148	37,072	79,782	(c)	60,382

(a) Last Monday in quarter. (b) This fall in balances was due to a change of system by which credit balances allowed as "set-offs" are deducted from gross advances. (c) Not yet available.

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

(Including Commonwealth Bank.)

Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits. (c)	Percentage Advances to Total Deposits. (c)
	Bearing Interest. (a)	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	%
1932—1st ..	222,055	102,051	324,106	263,368	76,486	31.5	76.9
1933— „ ..	223,162	96,693	319,855	260,996	94,630	30.2	77.3
1934— „ ..	222,443	112,367	334,810	262,602	97,894	33.6	74.4
1935— „ ..	226,284	116,478	342,762	276,556	103,152	34.0	76.7
1936— „ ..	215,386	126,878	342,264	289,111	90,621	37.0	80.4
1937— „ ..	226,488	136,732	363,220	294,636	92,376	37.6	77.3
1938— „ ..	244,160	143,551	387,711	314,477	92,257	37.0	77.3
1939— „ ..	245,870	143,260	389,130	325,627	94,006	36.8	79.9
1940—1st ..	261,571	163,899	425,470	334,846	118,237	38.5	75.6
2nd ..	268,196	170,778	438,974	347,380	118,733	38.9	75.7
3rd ..	260,426	175,992	436,418	345,512	114,902	40.3	75.7
4th ..	268,086	180,646	448,732	336,305	128,192	40.2	71.6
1941—1st ..	270,450	188,843	459,293	328,074	140,715	41.0	68.2

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills of the Commonwealth Bank. (c) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

## BANK CLEARINGS.

In the absence of statistics of debits to customers' accounts, bank clearings form a useful index of the money-value of cheque payments. Since they do not include cheques deposited in the banks on which they are drawn, the figures are not exhaustive, and their comparability is sometimes impaired by the effects of banking amalgamations. Cheque clearings connected with the redemption or issue of Treasury Bills have been excluded from the following table, but adjustments have not been made for other sporadic transactions concerned with public finance.

£'000.

Period.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.		
							Weekly Averages.	Index.	
	Weekly Averages.								
1928-29 .. ..	20,064	15,408	3,777	3,093	2,188	542	45,072	1,000	
1932-33 ... ..	11,876	11,577	2,747	2,080	1,422	378	30,080	667	
1933-34 .. ..	13,362	12,723	2,992	2,214	1,575	411	33,277	738	
1934-35 .. ..	13,919	13,004	3,385	2,386	1,715	426	34,835	773	
1935-36 .. ..	15,522	14,208	3,528	2,592	1,866	507	38,223	848	
1936-37 .. ..	17,247	15,592	3,753	2,900	1,989	559	42,040	933	
1937-38 .. ..	17,964	16,323	4,038	3,040	2,092	577	44,034	977	
1938-39 .. ..	17,832	15,415	4,212	2,953	2,055	623	43,090	956	
1939-40 .. ..	19,541	17,661	4,670	3,246	2,234	697	48,049	1,066	
1938-39—								(a)	
March .. ..	18,001	15,167	4,156	3,168	2,201	707	43,400	963	
April .. ..	17,326	15,192	3,892	3,128	2,028	663	42,229	937	
May .. ..	17,597	15,336	3,961	2,882	2,023	820	42,619	946	
1939-40—									
July .. ..	17,719	15,089	4,286	2,708	1,927	718	42,447	942	
August .. ..	16,490	13,080	4,084	2,420	1,850	591	38,515	855	
September ..	17,122	13,963	4,245	2,824	1,896	586	40,636	902	
October .. ..	17,777	15,417	4,399	3,033	2,036	588	43,250	960	
November ..	19,612	18,564	4,996	3,378	2,236	604	49,390	1,096	
December ..	21,480	20,184	4,867	3,091	2,317	617	52,556	1,166	
January .. ..	17,528	16,045	3,804	3,173	2,698	755	44,003	976	
February ..	21,569	19,403	5,104	4,124	2,609	672	53,481	1,187	
March .. ..	20,020	18,024	4,323	3,515	2,336	776	48,994	1,087	
April .. ..	20,011	18,901	4,617	3,446	2,327	788	50,090	1,111	
May .. ..	19,076	18,752	4,732	3,316	2,095	760	48,731	1,081	
June .. ..	21,998	21,237	5,889	3,750	2,155	811	55,840	1,239	
1940-41—									
July .. ..	22,209	19,162	5,495	3,420	2,281	764	53,331	1,183	
August .. ..	18,890	16,642	4,520	2,993	2,019	581	45,645	1,013	
September ..	20,155	17,182	4,784	3,151	2,057	601	47,930	1,063	
October .. ..	19,786	19,239	4,813	3,148	2,222	628	49,836	1,106	
November ..	20,961	19,303	4,580	3,361	2,067	597	50,869	1,129	
December ..	23,364	21,663	4,867	3,713	2,597	669	56,873	1,262	
January .. ..	19,689	16,556	4,011	3,248	2,167	815	46,486	1,031	
February ..	20,716	20,742	4,632	3,685	2,523	605	52,903	1,174	
March .. ..	20,654	19,713	4,349	3,792	2,303	691	51,502	1,143	
April .. ..	18,916	20,028	4,453	3,378	2,036	617	49,428	1,097	
May .. ..	24,251	24,459	4,844	4,030	2,246	774	60,604	1,344	

(a) The monthly index is based on the clearings for the month without adjustment for seasonal variations.

# AMOUNTS ON DEPOSIT IN SAVINGS BANKS.

Amount on deposit at end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(a)
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1928-29 ..	85,728	72,707	24,076	25,228	11,609	5,811	225,486
1932-33 ..	72,308	67,814	23,453	22,515	10,064	5,865	202,282
1933-34 ..	75,714	69,971	24,834	23,438	10,399	6,039	210,676
1934-35 ..	77,906	72,019	26,197	24,185	10,929	6,430	217,949
1935-36 ..	80,000	73,890	27,132	25,309	11,517	6,818	224,962
1936-37 ..	81,952	75,720	27,304	26,506	11,835	7,215	230,851
1937-38 ..	86,016	78,877	28,206	27,244	12,037	7,692	240,432
1938-39 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,359	12,396	8,396	245,549
1939-40 ..	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,526	11,860	8,518	236,954
1938-39—							
March ..	86,269	79,569	28,495	26,846	12,159	8,229	241,956
April ..	86,222	79,559	28,325	26,818	12,149	8,272	241,737
May ..	86,097	79,558	28,477	26,796	12,179	8,353	241,860
1939-40—							
July ..	87,201	80,001	29,161	27,275	12,389	8,475	244,929
August ..	86,957	79,896	29,345	27,236	12,412	8,603	244,895
September ..	86,557	79,741	29,447	27,086	12,390	8,595	244,269
October ..	86,751	80,025	29,620	27,061	12,452	8,577	244,952
November ..	86,684	80,358	29,887	27,061	12,540	8,579	245,587
December ..	86,581	80,131	29,712	26,966	12,441	8,549	244,866
January ..	86,716	80,282	29,382	26,977	12,422	8,567	244,836
February ..	87,167	81,008	29,359	27,242	12,511	8,707	245,503
March ..	86,759	80,807	29,096	27,200	12,428	8,690	245,500
April ..	87,056	81,417	29,139	27,286	12,458	8,789	246,674
May ..	85,180	80,869	28,859	27,103	12,283	8,722	243,562
June ..	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,526	11,860	8,518	236,954
1940-41—							
July ..	82,135	78,882	28,294	26,421	11,764	8,517	236,562
August ..	83,074	79,854	28,643	26,627	11,915	8,678	239,366
September ..	83,827	80,439	29,113	26,804	12,090	8,685	241,544
October ..	84,568	81,479	29,499	26,916	12,233	8,713	244,012
November ..	85,110	82,249	29,624	27,007	12,327	8,748	245,686
December ..	84,884	81,915	29,278	26,727	12,202	8,654	244,284
January ..	85,572	82,487	29,120	26,965	12,244	8,732	245,748
February ..	86,135	83,468	29,139	27,145	12,271	8,896	247,696
March ..	86,737	84,098	29,156	27,412	12,314	8,910	249,295
April ..	86,982	84,580	29,143	27,574	12,339	8,922	250,234
May ..	86,096	83,962	28,578	26,938	12,303	8,885	247,464

(a) Including internal Territories.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above these net amounts were subscribed for War Savings Certificates as at the end of the months stated:—

	£'000.		£'000.
1940—		1940—	
March ..	129	November ..	12,713
April ..	427	December ..	13,240
May ..	1,279		
June ..	6,100	1941—	
July ..	9,274	January ..	13,676
August ..	10,485	February ..	14,217
September ..	11,293	March ..	14
October ..	12,099	April ..	

# INTEREST RATES AND BOND YIELDS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Australian Trading Banks. Interest on Fixed Deposits.				Common- wealth Savings Bank.	Interest on Treasury Bills.	Yield on Australian Consolidated Loans.(a)			
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Deposits (maximum rate of Interest).		Calculated (in All Cases) on Latest Date of Maturity.		Calculated (when Loans above par) on Earliest Date of Maturity.	
							4% 1944 and 1947.	4% 1950, '53, '55, '57, '59 and 1961.	5 years and under 10.	10 years and over.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%(c)	%(c)	%(d)	%(d)
1928-29 ..	4.0	4.0	4.5	5.0	3.9	4.50	..	..	..	..
1933-34 ..	2.0	2.4	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.44	3.50	3.64	3.39	3.54
1934-35 ..	1.3	1.8	2.3	2.6	2.1	1.95	3.28	3.45	3.24	3.33
1935-36 ..	1.3	1.8	2.4	2.6	2.0	1.75	3.76	3.84	3.73	3.77
1936-37 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.88	3.95	3.85	3.94
1937-38 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.66	3.78	3.66	3.71
1938-39 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.85	3.87	3.83	3.84
1939-40 ..	1.9	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.0	1.71	3.71	3.76	3.64	3.67
1940-41 ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	2.94	3.34	3.04	3.13
1939-40—										
April ..	1.75	2.25	2.5	2.75	2.0	1.75	3.07	3.29	3.18	3.20
May ..	1.75	2.25	2.5	2.75	2.0	1.50	3.19	3.44	3.24	3.30
June ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	3.29	3.51	3.24	3.28
1940-41—										
July ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	3.29	3.50	3.24	3.26
August ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	3.25	3.48	3.24	3.25
September ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	3.12	3.40	3.14	3.22
October ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	2.99	3.41	3.04	3.21
November ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	2.93	3.36	3.02	3.11
December ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	2.95	3.34	3.04	3.09
January ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	2.90	3.23	2.88	2.99
February ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	2.91	3.23	2.98	3.00
March ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	2.79	3.25	2.94	3.02
April ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	2.76	3.30	3.07	3.20
May ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	2.70	3.38	2.98	3.14
June ..	1.5	2.0	2.25	2.5	2.0	1.50	2.67	3.25	(b) 2.88	3.04

(a) Subject to Commonwealth Income Tax at rates not in excess of those imposed by the Income Tax Acts, 1930. (b) The yield subject to Commonwealth Income Tax at current rates was 3.21. (c) Unweighted average for Thursdays in month. (d) Weighted average for last Wednesday in month.

## RATES OF INTEREST ON FIRST MORTGAGES : NEW SOUTH WALES. URBAN SECURITIES—WEIGHTED AVERAGES(a).

Period.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	Period.	1940-41.
	%	%	%	%	%		%
March ..	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.6	5.7	October ..	5.5
June ..	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.6	November ..	5.5
September ..	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.6	December ..	5.5
December ..	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.8	5.5	January ..	5.5
						February ..	5.5
Year Ended December	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.6	March ..	5.5
						April ..	5.5
Year Ended June ..	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	May ..	5.5
						June ..	5.5

(a) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.



# EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

Period.	Exchange Rates.			Gold Prices.	
	Australia on London.(a)	London on New York.	Australia on New York.(b)	Australia : Export Parity.(c)	London.
	£A. per £100 stg.	\$ per £ stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£ stg. per fine oz.
1928-29 .. ..	100.75	4.852	4.828	4.217	4.248
1932-33 .. ..	125.25	3.529	2.771	7.486	6.066
1933-34 .. ..	125.25	4.934	3.898	8.098	6.584
1934-35 .. ..	125.25	4.925	3.917	8.739	7.077
1935-36 .. ..	125.25	4.957	3.940	8.701	7.035
1936-37 .. ..	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.761	7.041
1937-38 .. ..	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001
1938-39 .. ..	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340
1939-40 .. ..	125.25	4.138	3.285	10.418	8.239
1938-39—					
March .. ..	125.25	4.686	3.727	9.258	7.419
April .. ..	125.25	4.681	3.724	9.256	7.425
May .. ..	125.25	4.682	3.723	9.245	7.423
1939-40—					
July .. ..	125.25	4.683	3.724	9.244	7.426
August .. ..	125.25	4.610	3.680	9.519	7.520
September .. ..	125.25	4.046	3.225	10.551	(d) 8.380
October .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.193	10.550	8.400
November .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.193	10.597	8.400
December .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.193	10.625	8.400
January .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.196	10.636	8.400
February .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.197	10.659	8.400
March .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.197	10.663	8.400
April .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.663	8.400
May .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.663	8.400
June .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.651	8.400
1940-41—					
July .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.550	8.400
August .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.625	8.400
September .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.661	8.400
October .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.700	8.400
November .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.700	8.400
December .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.700	8.400
January .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.700	8.400
February .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.700	8.400
March .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.700	8.400
April .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.700	8.400
May .. ..	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.700	8.400

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers. (b) Selling rate. Direct quotations from July, 1932, to date. Computed through London prior to that date. (c) Average price paid by the mints in Australia as from July, 1932. Prior thereto the export parity was calculated directly from London prices. (d) Bank of England buying price unchanged at 8.400 from 5th September, 1939.

# COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Government of—	July-May, 1939-40.			July-May, 1940-41.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a) ..	48,494	51,481	-2,987	53,476	54,054	-578
Victoria .. ..	22,460	24,646	-2,186	22,484	25,064	-2,580
Queensland .. ..	18,289	18,020	+ 269	19,021	18,327	+ 694
South Australia ..	11,211	11,575	- 364	11,474	11,667	- 193
Western Australia ..	10,004	10,276	- 272	10,041	10,331	- 290
Tasmania .. ..	2,600	2,639	- 39	2,303	2,826	- 523
Six States .. ..	113,058	118,637	-5,579	118,799	122,269	-3,470
Commonwealth ..	99,865	90,741	+9,124	124,484	124,381	+ 103
Grand Total(b) ..	204,118	200,573	+3,545	234,451	237,818	-3,367

Government of—	Year 1939-40.			Estimate, Year 1940-41.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a) ..	54,843	57,118	-2,275	57,623	59,162	-1,539
Victoria .. ..	28,103	28,097	+ 6	28,947	28,944	+ 3
Queensland .. ..	20,756	20,740	+ 16	21,199	21,193	+ 6
South Australia .. ..	12,756	12,919	- 163	12,592	(c)13,049	- 457
Western Australia ..	11,120	11,267	- 147	11,217	11,384	- 167
Tasmania .. ..	3,055	3,053	+ 2	2,919	3,135	- 216
Six States .. ..	130,633	133,194	-2,561	134,497	136,867	-2,370
Commonwealth ..	111,914	108,986	+2,928	148,350	148,323	+ 27
Grand Total(b) ..	232,842	232,475	+ 367	273,092	275,435	-2,343

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget, and from the Unemployment Relief Fund. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States on account of interest on States' debts, special grants, &c. (c) Includes £74,000 Supplementary Estimates, further provision for Salaries and Wages.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

Where Redeemable.	Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of—							
	Commonwealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
At 31st May, 1941—								
Australia ..	..	32,083	2,960	1,443	3,350	6,305	35	46,176
London ..	3,720	9,965	5,885	..	3,816	2,998	491	26,875
At 31st May, 1940—								
Australia ..	..	33,488	2,535	2,168	3,535	5,380	10	47,116
London ..	3,970	9,965	5,885	..	3,816	2,998	491	27,125

(a) Excluding overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian, in London £1 sterling.

# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G's. Department.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
			Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Averages.				
1928-29 .. .. .	1,071	300,528	384,358	505,554
1932-33 .. .. .	1,053	468,430	363,776	487,662
1933-34 .. .. .	1,096	597,989	372,621	501,402
1934-35 .. .. .	1,164	720,532	396,025	532,377
1935-36 .. .. .	1,239	823,613	417,661	562,868
1936-37 .. .. .	1,318	938,331	440,471	594,855
1937-38 .. .. .	1,396	1,056,004	465,498	630,175
1938-39 .. .. .	1,447	1,129,786	487,535	661,996
1939-40 .. .. .	1,491	1,212,260	506,612	691,088
Monthly Totals.				
1938-39—				
March .. .. .	1,577	1,119,062	482,296	654,381
April .. .. .	1,302	1,120,188	483,718	656,409
May .. .. .	1,516	1,126,607	485,712	659,336
1939-40—				
July .. .. .	1,426	1,134,586	489,501	664,859
August .. .. .	1,493	1,134,048	491,468	667,625
September .. .. .	1,454	1,146,132	493,028	670,003
October .. .. .	1,484	1,155,652	494,504	672,377
November .. .. .	1,458	1,169,452	496,190	674,797
December .. .. .	1,532	1,170,929	497,780	677,063
January .. .. .	1,528	1,178,217	499,215	679,338
February .. .. .	1,460	1,185,250	500,742	681,873
March .. .. .	1,375	1,184,261	502,737	684,734
April .. .. .	1,610	1,195,252	504,223	687,068
May .. .. .	1,541	1,205,578	505,861	689,543
June .. .. .	1,536	1,212,260	506,612	691,088
1940-41—				
July .. .. .	1,517	1,236,960	506,937	692,184
August .. .. .	1,449	1,239,824	508,092	694,254
September .. .. .	1,445	1,247,683	509,979	696,688
October .. .. .	1,719	1,258,363	512,121	699,802
November .. .. .	1,512	1,258,362	514,066	702,524
December .. .. .	1,621	1,262,647	515,637	704,868
January .. .. .	1,608	1,268,130	516,676	706,743
February .. .. .	1,473	1,272,961	518,290	709,426
March .. .. .	1,611	1,282,787	520,037	712,008
April .. .. .	1,630	1,287,547	521,728	714,716
May .. .. .	1,623	1,291,331	523,594	717,798

(a) Actual collections.

(b) Includes Papua.

# OVERSEA MIGRANTS.

Period.	Temporary Migrants.		Permanent Migrants.		
	Australians Departing Overseas.	Visitors Arriving from Overseas.	Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-).
Monthly Averages.					
1928-29 .. ..	2,079	2,183	3,148	1,689	+ 1,459
1932-33 .. ..	1,516	1,518	874	1,068	- 194
1933-34 .. ..	1,480	1,536	901	1,029	- 128
1934-35 .. ..	1,641	2,068	1,020	959	+ 61
1935-36 .. ..	1,756	1,957	1,095	935	+ 160
1936-37 .. ..	1,937	2,294	1,148	954	+ 194
1937-38 .. ..	2,060	2,617	1,478	926	+ 552
1938-39 .. ..	1,966	2,648	2,082	1,055	+ 1,027
1939-40 .. ..	629	1,526	1,295	608	+ 687
Monthly Totals.					
1938-39—					
March .. ..	3,572	3,564	2,717	1,705	+ 1,012
April .. ..	2,475	2,741	2,197	1,338	+ 859
May .. ..	2,070	2,421	2,596	1,321	+ 1,275
1939-40—					
July .. ..	1,174	2,084	2,310	912	+ 1,398
August .. ..	1,116	2,065	1,829	914	+ 915
September .. ..	351	1,645	1,616	486	+ 1,130
October .. ..	412	1,512	1,701	603	+ 1,098
November .. ..	486	1,237	972	418	+ 554
December .. ..	986	1,722	1,283	520	+ 763
January .. ..	739	1,188	1,060	740	+ 320
February .. ..	497	1,182	1,043	534	+ 509
March .. ..	624	1,598	897	729	+ 168
April .. ..	508	1,500	1,018	461	+ 557
May .. ..	376	1,382	769	549	+ 220
June .. ..	275	1,192	1,046	425	+ 621
1940-41—					
July .. ..	267	1,305	1,364	352	+ 1,012
August .. ..	221	1,058	1,504	363	+ 1,141
September .. ..	181	679	687	354	+ 333
October .. ..	314	1,184	831	357	+ 474
November .. ..	319	952	755	344	+ 411
December .. ..	405	964	635	268	+ 367
January .. ..	304	965	688	353	+ 335
February .. ..	251	648	545	319	+ 226
March .. ..	285	983	548	308	+ 240
April .. ..	324	940	585	425	+ 160
May .. ..	222	968	630	330	+ 300

NOTE.—Excluding particulars of movements of Defence Service Personnel and British Evacuees.

# BANKRUPTCIES AND INSOLVENCIES.

Period.	Sequestrations. (a)		Compositions.		Deeds of Arrangement.		Total.	
	Number.	Gross Liabilities.	Number.	Gross Liabilities.	Number.	Gross Liabilities.	Number.	Gross Liabilities.
Monthly Averages.								
(b)		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.
1928-29 ..	90	106	47	73	42	159	179	338
1932-33 ..	80	164	45	138	60	138	185	440
1933-34 ..	82	126	47	121	49	100	178	347
1934-35 ..	67	84	42	125	35	68	144	277
1935-36 ..	70	85	39	136	34	64	143	285
1936-37 ..	73	91	35	130	31	60	139	281
1937-38 ..	72	76	33	123	29	47	134	246
1938-39 ..	78	83	46	158	34	58	158	299
1939-40(c) ..	76	63	37	118	46	72	159	253
Monthly Totals.								
1938-39—								
March ..	91	80	135	569	41	67	267	716
April ..	63	55	103	365	37	73	203	493
May ..	111	123	60	174	41	55	212	352
1939-40—								
July ..	83	68	30	93	30	48	143	209
August ..	109	82	21	35	46	72	176	189
September ..	89	70	19	38	30	38	138	146
October ..	60	54	21	20	34	50	115	124
November ..	73	63	35	44	50	110	158	217
December ..	67	41	24	42	42	56	133	139
January ..	71	61	21	43	28	37	120	141
February ..	64	50	41	117	51	73	156	240
March ..	78	49	92	276	52	111	222	436
April ..	71	42	72	589	48	52	191	683
May ..	82	90	41	104	64	115	187	309
June ..	67	84	14	34	50	65	131	183
1940-41 (c)—								
July ..	77	66	45	75	57	84	179	225
August ..	70	67	23	21	42	77	135	165
September ..	68	462	25	26	45	49	138	537
October ..	73	105	22	55	41	89	136	249
November ..	48	37	20	26	43	82	111	145
December ..	53	79	20	65	39	58	112	202
January ..	50	43	33	110	28	75	111	228
February ..	57	50	43	140	26	42	126	232
March ..	49	37	61	237	39	60	149	334
April ..	61	51	39	70	24	33	124	154
May ..	52	28	31	76	34	65	117	169

(a) Including Orders for Administration of Deceased Debtors' Estates.

(b) Years ended 31st July.

(c) Subject to revision.

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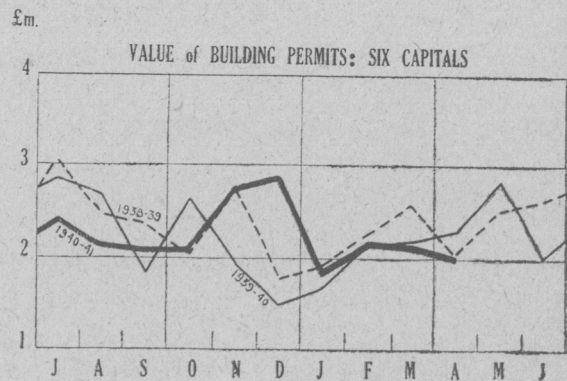
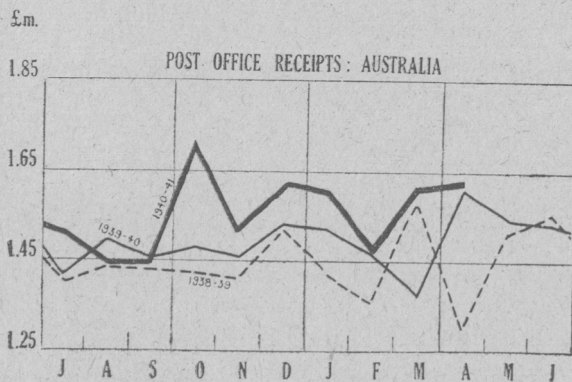
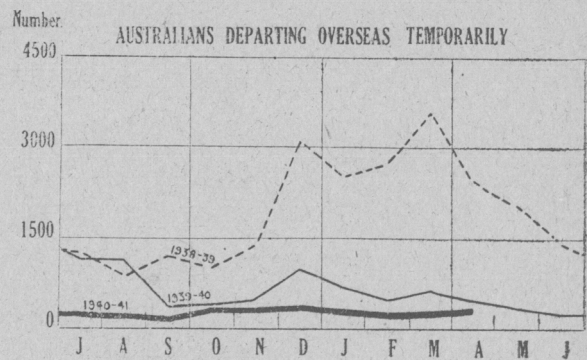
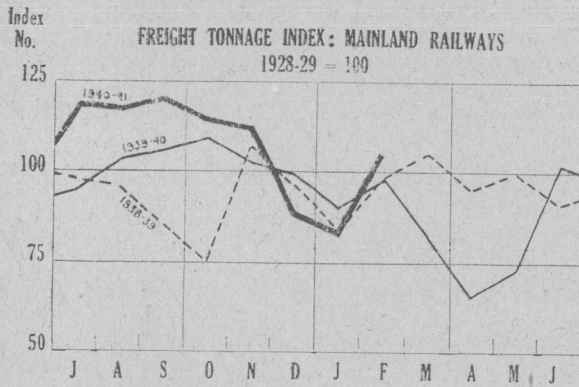
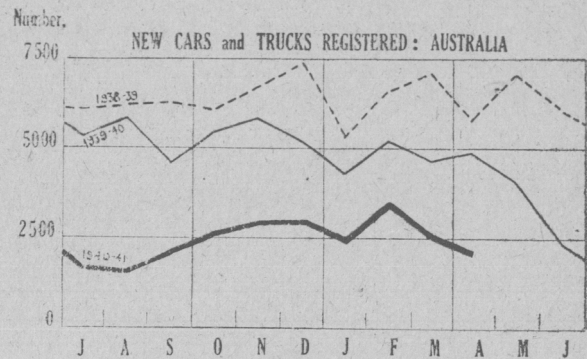
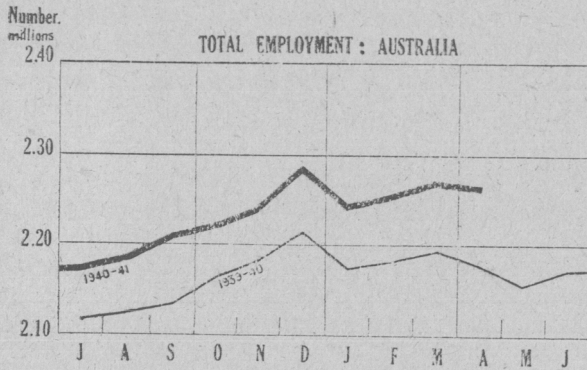
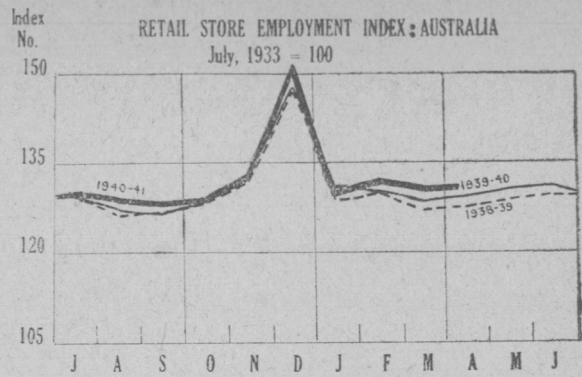
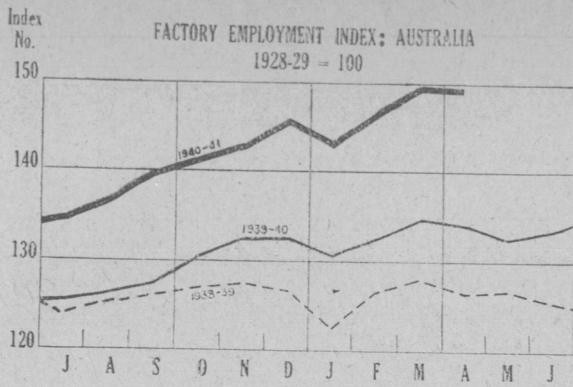
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